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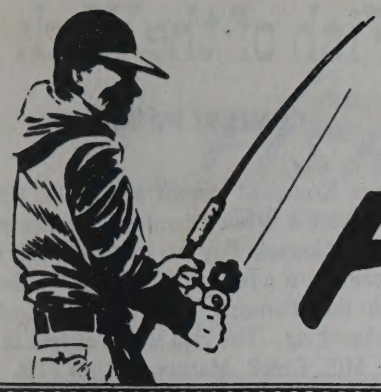

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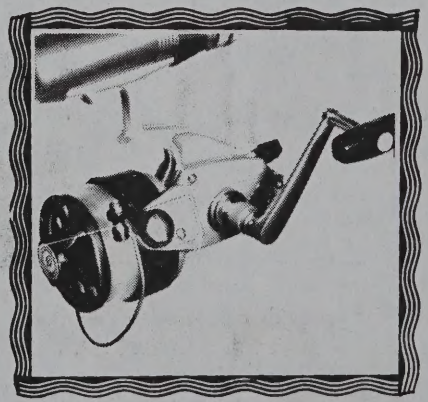

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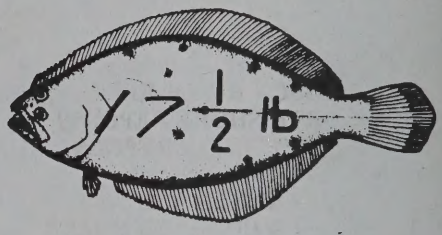
Fish of the Week

CONTEST WINNER

James Kowalski caught a 17½ lb. fluke to cop this week's contest. James was fishing Noyack Bay at Jessups Neck for mackerel on a rented skiff. The big fluke took the diamond jig on the end of a mackerel rig. The fish was weighed in at the Mill Creek Marina. The 17½ lb. fluke scored over 3 points out of a possible 4 points. Four points represents a record fish for its species. With the fluke weighing 17½ lbs., that makes it about ¾'s of a record fish, therefore "3 points."



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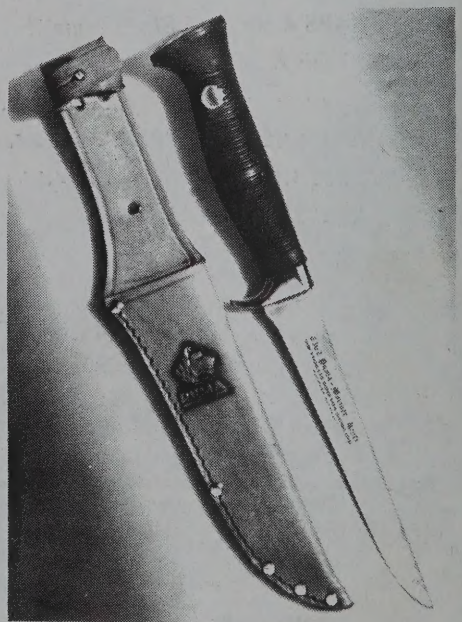

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

That strange looking creature being gaffed is called a tilefish. It is found at the edge of the Continental Shelf. If you're planning a trip for these fish, expect to be gone for at least 24 hours. The trip takes at least 10 to 12 hours one way. But many think it's worth it. Photo courtesy of Capt. Art White, skipper of the "Angler II" out of Point Lookout.

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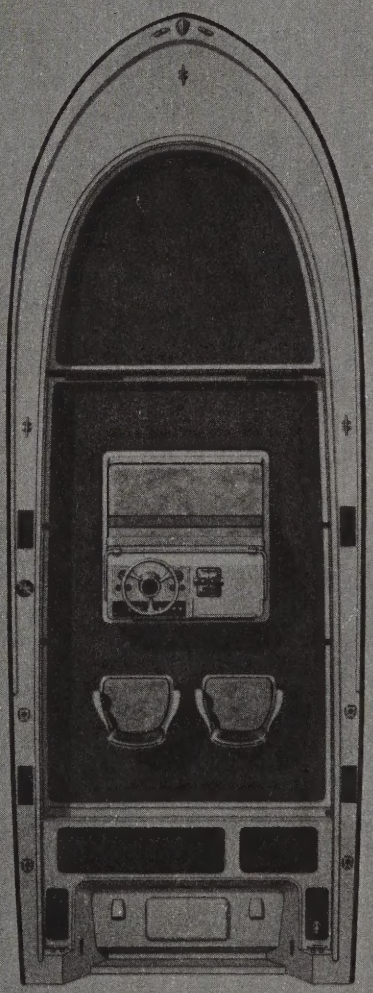

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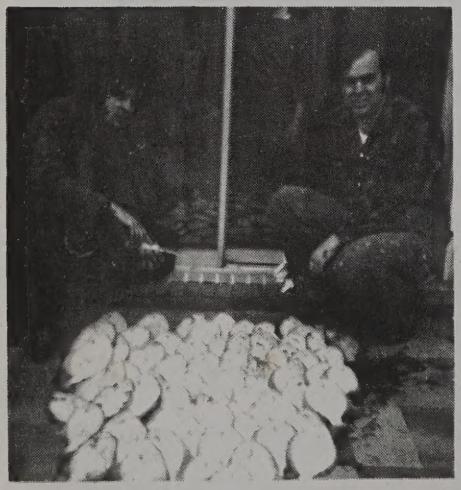

Dear Sir,

Thanks so much for the March 30th issue of the Long Island Fisherman. The article 'Connecticut Scene,' by Dick Alley really caught my eye. Being a Long Island fisherman all my life, I was at a loss for fishing spots when I moved to Connecticut three months ago. From the picture, you can see your article helped me greatly.

Two grateful fishermen, Tehoes Fishing Station.

Hank Stossel

Charles Garrido

P.S. The fish were between 2 and 4 lbs.

Dear Mr. Reina,

I have a gripe that is long standing. Every time I look at a copy of the Long Island Daily Press or the Long Island Fisherman, I read glowing accounts of Joe Schlom or Moe Glow and Stan Glunk returning to port aboard their 28' boat with huge catches of fish, party boats with 175 flounders, rowboats with bushel baskets full, etc. But the poor slobs like me who fish from a pier at Jones Beach or Lindenhurst are never mentioned. How come? After all, we buy bait and fishing tackle too. Is this a rich man's sport, or can anyone join in? Your paper is very interesting but not for people like us, and we are many.

Robert Simmons, Amityville

Your on, Robert. We'll be expecting your call every Monday morning.

Anyone else willing to report will also be welcome. Simply call: 667-6633 on Mondays before 12 noon.

Sirs:

Just one small comment on the rating/point system of the "Fish of the Week" contest. I think consideration should be given to the time of the year in which certain species are caught. As of this writing flounder are in, bass are just coming in (hopefully), so the awarding of the prize to the flounder fisherman (3 lbs. 11 ozs.) while only honorable mention to the teen size bass fisherman leaves doubt in my mind as to who really was the winner. By the same token, any 5 lb. blue caught this week should far outclass any 5 lb. snowshoe flounder, even if only for the very fact the blue should be considered a "fluke" (no pun intended, just poor humor). Admittedly adding another variable would make the judging more difficult, but maybe there's merit in considering the proposal.

Joseph Terranova, Mineola, N.Y.

At present the flounder fisherman has the advantage, but as the new species come into their time of the year, other fishermen will get a crack at winning.

I disagree with the statement that a 5 lb. bluefish would "outclass" a 5 lb. snowshoe flounder. The 5 lb. snowshoe is close to a record fish, while the blue is quite small. The bluefish is rated at 4 lbs. to 1 lb. over the flounder. This is based on the present known records available. The present bluefish record is 24 lbs. while the largest known winter flounder is 6 lbs. This is how our point system works.

An all species contest is very difficult, but rest assured we will always strive to be fair to everyone.

Dear Rich,

On Sunday, May 7th, 18 members of the Huntington Angler's Club went out on their annual spring flounder trip. Seventy flounders, up to 2½ lbs., and over 300 mackerel were caught. The macks were taken during the last hour of fishing on mackerel rigs.

First prize went to Bob DiGiorgio with a 2½ lb. flounder.

Second prize went to Peter Brown with a 2 lb. 2 oz. flounder.

Both these youngsters are junior members of our club and they sure showed their elders how to catch fish, including myself (I only had 2). The junior segment of our club is one sure way to keep youngsters from becoming juvenile delinquents. I close with best regards,

Dan Marro, Huntington, N.Y.

CHUM LINES

Dear Sirs:

I have one qualm, not regarding your magazine, I would like to bring to light. Mush of the fishing I do on my own, but I also frequent the local party boats every year. While on our way out to the bluefish or mackerel grounds, the mates on board are busy grinding bunker chum. The bunkers, as you've probably noticed, come frozen in wooden crates with steel support wires. Have you ever seen what happens to those crates when they're emptied? They go right over the side. So do empty beer and soda cans, lunch bags, and anything else the anglers and mates don't want on board.

Never have I seen garbage sacks, pails or other receptacles on board for the fares to use. Often times I have purposely left my own garbage on board in a bag, only to catch one of the mates heaving it overboard.

It seems to me, rather ironic that the people who make their very existence by the sea, should be so eager to pollute and litter their element.

Ray Laudano, Valley Stream, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

On the 24th of April, two friends and I went out East and sailed with a party boat for flounders. Everything was great except for two things, the weather and passengers, including the mate, throwing garbage over the side. Wow, I'm still shocked.

Please help.

George Nashak, Brooklyn

Write the boat captain and let him know how you feel, and send the L.I.F. a copy of the letter. Maybe this will help.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to know if you could help me? I live in Queens and I would like to join the S.O.S. Club. I've asked around but nobody seems to know anything about it. Could you send me the form I need to join? I hope you can help me. Thank you for your time and trouble.

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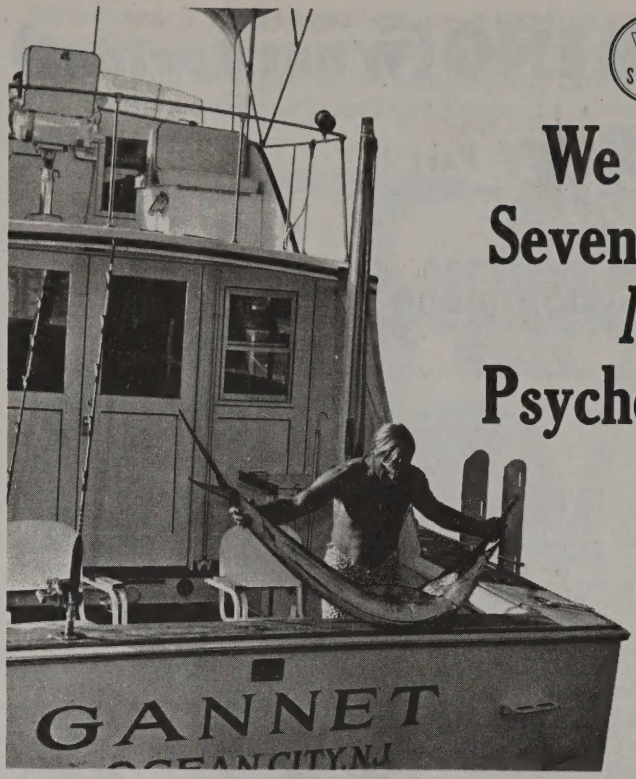

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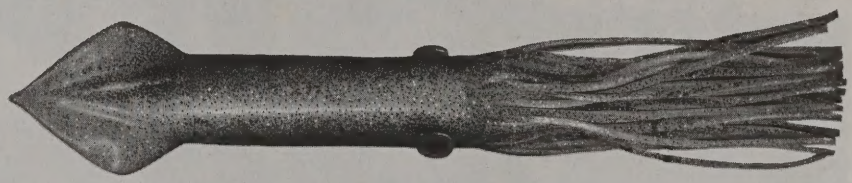

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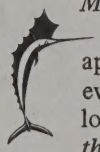

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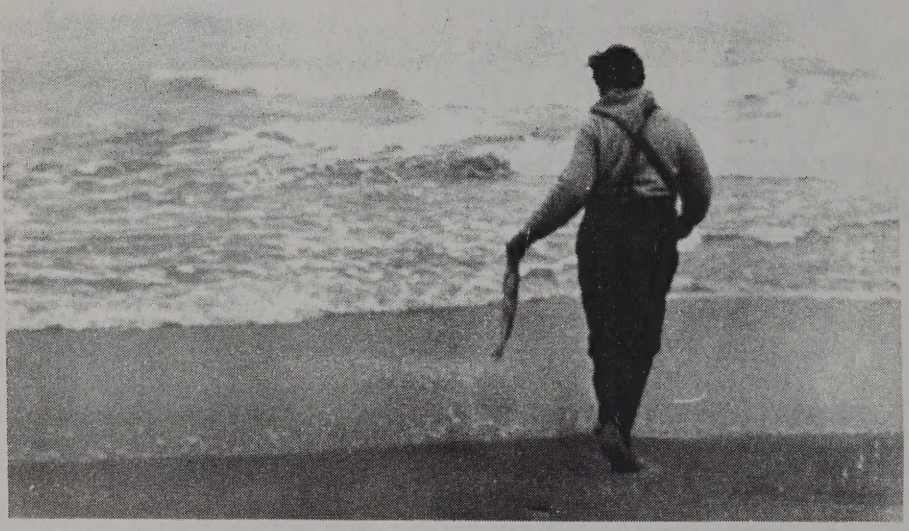
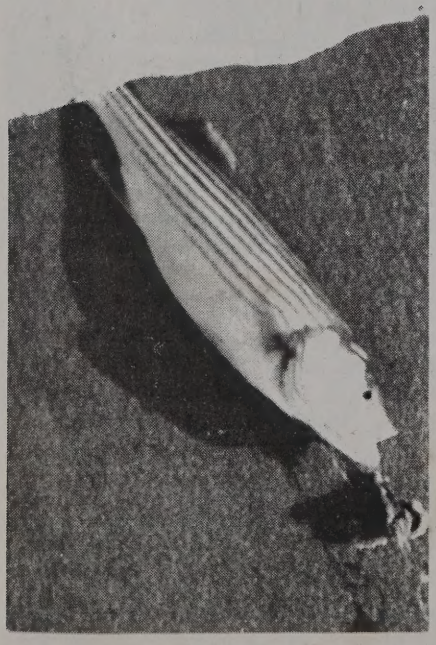
THE SPRING (What Spring?) STORY Part 1

By Vince Guaglianone



The springtime of little rats.



The 15-incher

The 17-incher

WHAT A STORY. As usual it began with me jittery around the first of March. When I'm prone to ask the Long Island Railroad Ticketman: "When's the first bass out of Manhattan?" - I know it's time to cast for flounders.

So the first time out for those puny flatties I got skunked. But on March 24 we sped up to Rhody and got a stack of flatties up to 3 pounds. Also I was dragging a hookless jig with an 11-inch wire linked behind it, and a single-hook bucktail attached to the wire. This, for lunker bass; winter hold-overs that Hap Kaine of Narragansett was sure would hit, for there was every indication of an early season after this warm winter.

"The water never turned gun-grey this year. It stayed blue-green and that means plankton. It's going to be a great spring."

Martha and I were at Great Salt Pond and some fish, Hap told later, were beached at Pettaquamscutt. Also three schoolies swallowed sandworms at Matunuck's Deep Hole that weekend, when casters got some cod too . . . O well. There would be other chances . . .

More than one smarty predicted an early season. Yours truly, if you recall some prior words, also stuck his neck out . . . Yet it still looked good when Frank Keating told of a 6-pounder landed at Long Beach on March 30.

In April, I took out the 9-footer ten times. Never had time to put new line on the small Berkley for the 8-foot stick that belongs with Bayville's West Harbor. However, with all my work-day travelling into Manhattan, it was a lucky break to find a new and convenient-for-me tackle store in Port Jefferson Station: Plaza Sports. There I found for Cedar Beach the longest bloodworms I've seen in years, as well as the best of casting lines.

Too bad it was all for little rats . . . On April 6, my father released a 14-incher at Cedar. The following weekend, the weather froze up, including a snowfall . . . On April 11, Al Cross told of his 5 schoolies at West Harbor on a Rebel. So my friend Bob 'Fin Ore' Pearlman rushed out and got skunked there the following day, and then soaked on that rainy April 15 at Cedar Beach with Stu Miller and myself . . . That night, Tom Gravino phoned, a grateful surfman-reader of L.I.F., and he told about the warm-effluent action at Crab Meadow Beach. No. No. No power-station bass for me. But thanks, Tom Gravino; who also offered to get me into the Cedar Parking Field after Memorial Day (he being a "chosen Babylonian").

While Dad, Martha and I stood

watch beside our rods at Cedar on April 16 and I got a flounder, a 16-pound bass was beached at West Harbor that dark hazy day, under a cold southeast wind. The observer catcher did not report this bass but three separate sources are **A-1** reliable. It was that little water's biggest known catch this spring, and that's a further idsappointment (last year's being only 21 pounds). But then the 16-striper seemed like it was The Beginning. So on April 22, even though it hailed a bit, I got up to West Harbor again and, naturally, Whiting Evans down at Cedar reeled in 4 schoolies. Other casters also took schoolies and many shorts; including big Davy who game me this warm news the following day at Cedar, when finally I released my first 17-inch keeper after putting back a 15-incher also . . . Dave told how nearly everyone is using the short leader hook in Cedar surf now, and some going as snug as the pompano-rig that Evans casts with much success.

We could go on with this zigzag story of April: I zagged when the stripers zigged, and vice-versa . . . The worst was that beautiful day, April's last, when I reached Cedar after L.I.F. boss Rich Reina placed his bet on Democrat Point's white water; reminding me of my talk about the mid-day warmth of sandbar shallows. But I wanted to meet Dave and Charlie Graves at Cedar, where the softly magnificient surf that morning was too weedy . . . Martha also looked across to Democrat Point and had a feeling. I didn't. We went home early. Whiting Evans beached bass at the Point up to 9 pounds . . . Meanwhile, two days before, Kastmasters took bass at the Hampton Bays Town Beach, as Frank Keating reported in his column . . .

On May 4, Dad took 11 little bass out of West Harbor, including 2 keepers. He lent the amber ¾ ounce Tri-Fin eel-worm to Liz of Bayville (who gets a lot of blues in autumn) and she got her first bass ever, on the Tri-Fin . . . A witnessing young fellow subsequently went on a search in vain for Tri-Fin lures . . . Having a goodly supply of these lures myself, I searched fervently but vainly for sand eels, the bait of springtime bonanzas. Even at this writing (May 20) I've located no large concentrations of sand eels; not even at Stony Brook Channel . . . The little stripers are feeding on small shrimp.

After April I don't want to cast worms anymore. But this May found me still frantic, and bloody fingered. On May 6, after all the rod-watching, Martha and I retreated to the Cedar parking field and found Dave and also Danny again. Here was my luck. With maybe three hours left till sundown, Dave said: "Let's go up to Crab Meadow Beach." - Crab Meadow? Of course. The power station. But now, in May, it was no longer just the unnatural effluent and I would permit myself. Let's go.

Litlle Danny led the 3-car caravan and we lost sight of Danny while pushing it up to 70 m.p.h. on the Sagtikos; weaving in and out of the Sunday drivers. (I'm not advocating that you be "gone fishing" this way: but it felt good to realize again how I'm not the only one who is quite crazy.)

A line-up including Shadroe Bill casted from the thin outjut amid Crab Meadow, releasing little rats. (One character walked off keeping these baby bass, and he received an appropriate remark) . . . Shad Bill urged us west toward the coves (and I later teased him about trying to sabotage us) . . . We released little rats. Thus far it's 'The Springtime of Little Rats.' At least they hit a lure at Crab Meadow.

One lure you might start using is from Rhode Island. Ted Wells up there calls it "The Cheater." Also known as: Splasher, Dauber, Dropline: it consists

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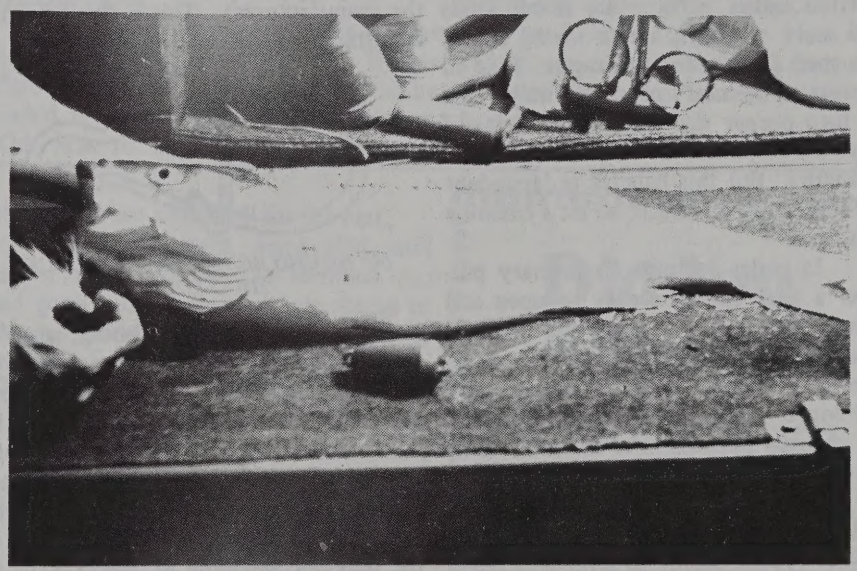


7-pounder on the Cheater

Snaps & Swivels

HOW TO HOOK UP YOUR LURES FOR BEST RESULTS!

—Al Reinfelder—

IF A MAN KNEW exactly what lure he was going to use for a given period of time - even as short as two hours - he could practically give up his use of snaps. The main function of the snap is to facilitate a rapid change of lures.

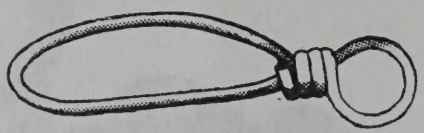
If a troller never used a lure which might spin or twist he could abandon his use of swivels, for their main function is to keep kinks and twists out of a fishing line.

But, alas, neither of the conditions can be met, and we must necessarily learn about these small, botherosme, but oh-so-important items of fishing hardware.

A snap is a clip-like device which opens and closes to allow a change of lure, general terminal rig, trolling drail or bottom sinker. There are many kinds and sizes of snaps, and a wrong choice can spell disaster for the angler. Like all aspects of a man's gear, the snap must fit into porper size balance (in terms of physical dimension as well as in terms of strength). But this balance is dependent on the snap's function, so let's examine this first.

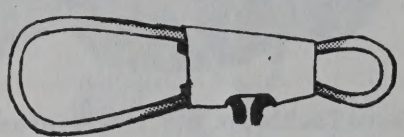
In order to serve its primary purpose a snap must be easy to open and close. (In trying to solve the inherent weakness of a snap - its tendency to open during a fight - many designers have developed snaps which, though lock-tight, are virtually impossible to use.) The snap must, however, be as resistant to unwanted opening as is possible. The lure's action can be impaired by a snap in three ways: (1) It can be so large and heavy as to be a burden on the lure's built-in action; (2) It can be so snug and tight on the lure's line-eye that it becomes an unbalanced part of the lure itself; (3) In the case of certain lures (primarily jigs) a snap can provide an undesirable break in the steady flow of energy from rod tip to lure which gives the bait its required action.

Some of the kinds of snaps sold and used on Long Island are: (1) All wire lock-around type with semi-round bend (i.e. Pomponette); (2) Wire and stamped piece-type with sharp bend; (3) Wire and stamped piece-type with round bend. My own favorite style is little used here (largely, I believe, because



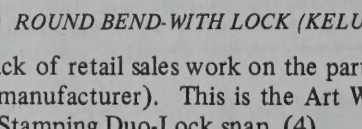
(1) SEMI-ROUND BEND-WITH LOCK (POMPONETTE)

(2) SHARP BEND-NO LOCK



(3) ROUND BEND-WITH LOCK (KELUX)

of lack of retail sales work on the part of the manufacturer). This is the Art Wire and Stamping Duo-Lock snap. (4)



(4) ROUND BEND-WITH TWO LOCKS (DUO LOCK)

For general plug fishing, any of these will serve the purpose as long as the snap is not too large or small in size. As a rule of thumb, the snap should be as small as possible, but still be well above the pound test (at least as strong) of the fishing line. It should also be large enough to allow the free swing of the plug and not bind on the line-eye of the lure.

If you use Alou Eels, Tube-Alous, chrome squids, or other lures whose line-eyes are quite wide, you should not use Pomponette or sharp bend snaps. Only full round bend types will allow these lures to develop their built-in actions.

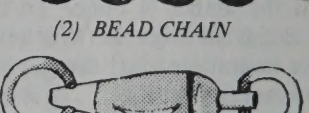
As for fish-holding ability (resistance to opening during a fight) I would rate them in this order from bad to good: (2), (3), (1), and (4). Every one of these snaps is capable of being opened during a strenuous fight. The way this happens is hard to explain, but it is possible for the snap to jam in such a way into the line-eye of the lure, that a very slight force will complete the opening. Take a snap, hook it to a jig, and fool around with it for a few minutes. You'll soon see what I mean.

From experience, it definitely seems that the Duo-Lock is the least likely to open in this way, with the Pomponette running a close second.

As for strength (pound test) per given wire alloy, temper and size, the Pomponette and the Duo-Lock run about neck and neck with the type (3) showing increased weakness, and the type (2) being useless.

Because of the obvious superiority of the Duo-Lock in terms of the above important characteristics, it is the easy favorite among the few fishermen who can get to these elusive snaps. But they have another feature which no other snap has: It opens both in front and in back. The tremendous advantage of this is that you can add or subtract swivels of various kinds as the situation dictates and you can rig trolling drails and other complicated terminal gear to your liking with the use of Duo-Locks.

There are three types of swivels which you will find in this area: (1) Single barrels; (2) Bead Chains; and (3) Ball Bearings.



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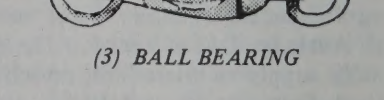

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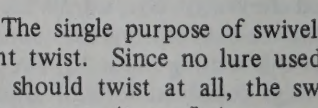

(3) BALL BEARING

The single purpose of swivels is to prevent twist. Since no lure used by a caster should twist at all, the swivel is not a necessary item. It is never necessary for the Long Island surf fisherman to use a "snap-swivel" at all. The only use a caster has for a swivel is in linking his wire leader to his monofilament line when bluefishing. A swivel is just another piece of unnecessary hardware which may take away from a lure's action and/or appeal.

The troller, on the other hand, should always use a swivel somewhere along his terminal rig. In wire line fishing, a single barrel swivel as large as possible, but still enough to pass through the guides, is the ideal means of linking wire to leader. Drails (trolling sinkers) generally come with built-in bead chain swivels, but if not, should be rigged fore-and-aft with at least single barrel swivels to prevent line twist from a rotating drail or lure.

Some lures (basically, surgical trolling tubes) are made to spin in the water. In the case of tubes, this is what gives them their action. These lures should always be immediately lead by a large single swivel in good working order, or by a four-barreled bead chain.

Since any lure might foul and become a spinner, a snap-swivel is generally a good idea for trollers.

Swivels tend to be weak or faulty. If your new swivel looks suspicious, discard it; and don't hesitate to give your new-looking swivel a very severe pull test. Never use snaps for more than two or three trips. They weaken through corrosion, electrolysis, and physical wear thru friction. They also stop swivelling after a short while, making them useless indeed.

I do not personally have much need for ball-bearing swivels, but they do turn more easily than regular swivels, and can thus be of great use in preventing line twist.

No swivel can prevent line twist completely unless it is aided by some sort of an anti-twist keel. If you troll straight monofilament, with a swivel of any kind, and then a twisting lure, you will inevitably get some line twist. That is because the torque required to turn a long length of mono is so slight that all of the friction inherent in any kind of a swivel cannot be overcome. Normally, however, a drail will act as a keel which will aid the swivel; likewise, wire line itself is resistant to twisting, and thus helps act as a keel. The greatest keel, is a kidney-shaped, or keel-shpaed trolling sinker. (In fresh water, this plastic anti-twist keels are made for spin fishermen.)

There is some disagreement among anglers as to the relative merits of the color of snaps and swivels. It is true that bright, shiny, silver swivels well in front of a lure have invited unwanted strikes from blues and sharks. In such situations, a black swivel is the right answer. However, under general circumstances, this precaution is not necessary. Nor does the color of a snap or snap-swivel which is directly connected to the lure seem to play much of a role in determining whether or not a fish will hit the bait.

Using the right shape and size; proper placement in the terminal rig; and good quality are the main things to concern oneself about in selecting snaps and swivels.

Canoe Bass

by TOMMY REINFELDER (Al's wife)

"STRIPERS are in Little Neck Bay every morning!" These words from friend Lou Palma and the urge to make contact with the sea after a long winter, found Al and I loading our 18 foot Old Town canoe onto the top of our car.

In the Spring (before Memorial Day), Great Neck Estates access to Peterson's Cove is an easy, pleasant entry onto Little Neck Bay. The day was hazy and calm on this morning at 10:)) a.m. as we placed our canoe into low tides from the ramp. Scarcely had we set paddle, before Al (whom I've nick-named "Nature Eyes") was seeing bunker rolling and playing from afar. Al set our course with a moored sailboat from which we could make a long drift with the tide while we cast for the hidden stripers. We each started with a grey Alou Eel which had been showing steady results for Lou Palma.

Few minutes passed before Al was happily saying, "I got one!" It was fighting heartily against his line as he reeled in the healthy school bass striper. This was to be repeated a few more times, until changing to a Mee Mee plug, I too made contact with a small but vigorous bass.

Our first drift was completed, and it was time to set our rods down, and paddle back to where we could start another drift. In front of me, on the floor of the canoe, we had a small depth recorder going. It was fun to see it tick off five feet, eight feet, ten feet, with occasional light signals in between, indicating a fish passing under our boat.

Our second drift produced more hits and landed and released fish than the first, making us feel more happy than the numerous playful bunker still arcing out of the water everywhere, almost in summer proportions.

The sun decided to shine, and the bay decided to stay flat calm, but the fish seemed impervious to any of these conditions above their realm. It was two good hours on Little Neck Bay, before we, of necessity, had to paddle to water's edge, and become united with land once again.

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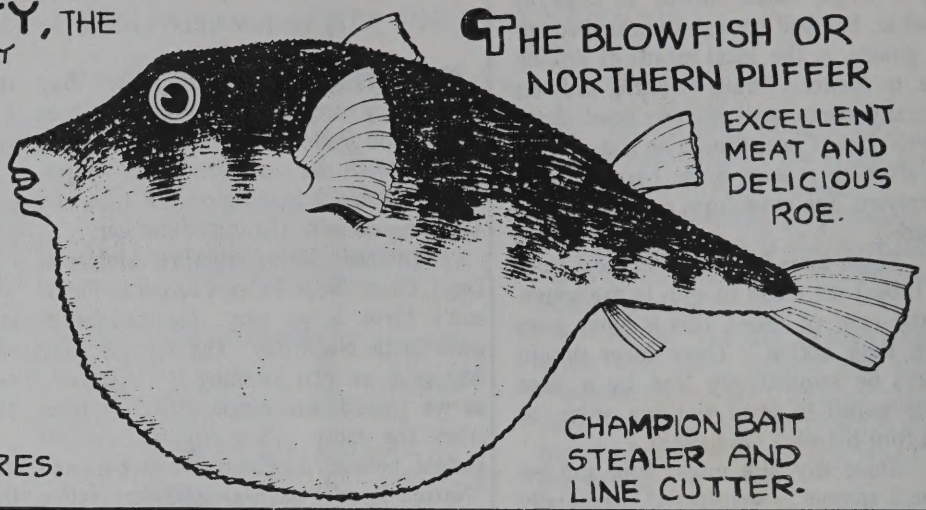
BLOWFISH

TIPS ON CLEANING AND TACKLE TO USE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

A MARINE ODDITY, THE BLOWFISH FRANTICALLY GULPS AIR OR WATER UNTIL IT BALLOONS LIKE A BEACH BALL. IT'S TEETH ARE FUSED INTO A FORMIDABLE SNAPPING BEAK, AND THE *LIVER* CAN BE POISONOUS. IT HAS A RAVENOUS APPETITE— WILL TAKE ANY BAIT AND CHEW OFF THE HOOK. THIS TRAIT MAKES HIM POPULAR WITH BAIT & TACKLE STORES.



THE BLOWFISH OR NORTHERN PUFFER

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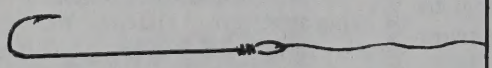
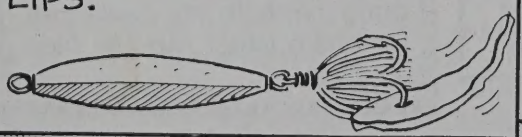
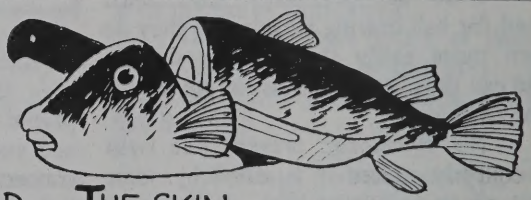
ALONG SHANK FLOUNDER HOOK SHOULD BE USED AS HE CHEWS UP THREADING AND LEADERS.



WHEN HE BITES A BAITED WEAKFISH JIG HE DOESN'T SEEM ABLE TO SWALLOW THE TREBLE HOOK WHICH IS EASILY PULLED OUT OF THE LIPS.

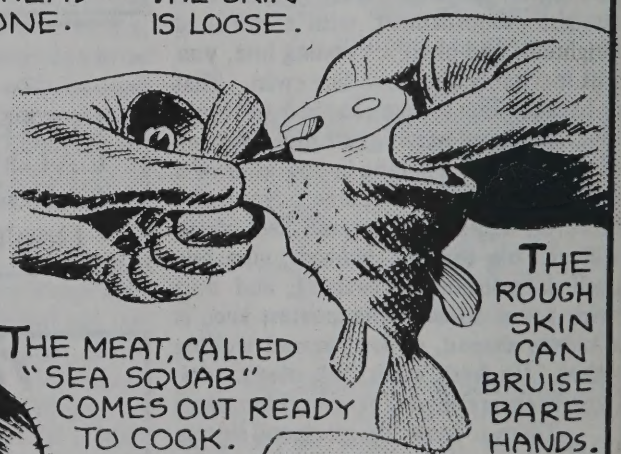


CLEANING IS SIMPLE AND FAST IF YOU WEAR RUBBER DISHPAN GLOVES. CUT THROUGH THE BACK OF THE HEAD AND BACKBONE.



THE SKIN IS LOOSE.

GRAB MEAT IN ONE HAND AND THE HEAD IN THE OTHER - AND PULL APART.



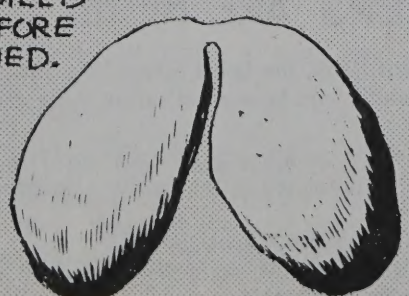
THE ROUGH SKIN CAN BRUISE BARE HANDS.

THE MEAT, CALLED "SEA SQUAB" COMES OUT READY TO COOK.

GIVE HEAD, SKIN AND GUTS TO THE SEAGULLS.

NO SHARP BONES TO BOTHER WITH.

THE ROE IS CHUNKY AND THICK AND SHOULD BE PAR-BOILED BEFORE FRIED.



Early Season Trout Look Down!

By Lou Tabory

SURE, you've heard it before, but I'll tell you again. EARLY SEASON TROUT LOOK DOWN! Not only do trout look down in April and May, but all through the year, they're more likely to be under the surface than on top. Many experts feel that nymphs make up 75% to 80% of a trout's diet. When you consider that trout also feed on minnows and sunken flies, the above is a valid title. This same titel should always be kept in mind when a serious trout fisherman takes to the stream.

Being an early season trout man, I seldom ever get into dry-fly fishing. It seems that my No. 7 Double Taper Fly Line turns into a No. 11 weight-forward, and my flies grow into enormous concoctions which are constantly being soaked in the brine of Long Island Sound. The call of the salt water is a loud one. An eight to ten pound bluefish makes a reel sing like no trout anywhere in Connecticut can.

Trout fishing brings back memories of cold hands, iced-up guides, and a high rolling stream. This combination should be dealt with by using a sinking line, weighted nymphs, bucktails, and wet flies. You should fish them deep and slow, covering the water carefully.

My first lesson in this type of trout fishing was given to me by Wyn Cyrus, a well-known local angler. A group of fellow fishermen and myself took a short trip to the Yantic River on opening day about nine years ago. The Yantic River, located near Norwich, Connecticut, is a great place to fish, with plenty of open space. We arrived that morning at 5:00 AM, to find only a few people there, but our army of twelve anglers made it a typical opening day scene. We took positions around the best and largest pool and waited patiently for 6:00 AM starting time to arrive. When the gun went off, some twenty lures hit the water at the very same time. There were very few results. After ten minutes of hard fishing, with only an occasional fish dropping in the creel, it seemed very possible that a few early-season poachers may have visited the pool. The fish left in the pool were deep, and had seen all the worms and hardware they wanted to. This set the stage for Wyn, who sticking with the fly-rod cast a fast sinking line and a Hornberg Special. His method was to cast across the stream, feed out more line with a half roll cast, and allow the fly to sink, then retrieve it very slowly. The results were fantastic! He took fish after fish as the rest of us stood and watched. This was a great lesson, which proved that with the right technique, a fly-fisherman can go into a seemingly fished-out pool and score.

This is the name of the game; Catching Fish! I don't mean that I'm a fish monger. I release most of my fish, but I still like to catch them. Many anglers say how great it is just to be out with nature, and that fish they catch are just a bonus. I don't buy that. I love nature and appreciate it as much as the next guy, but I didn't invest many dollars the last eighteen years on fishing tackle to enjoy nature. If I wanted to just enjoy nature, I would have invested that money into a camera, blanket, and a good selection of wine. With all of the above, and the proper choice of a companion, I could really enjoy nature, but this is another subject which I don't care to discuss any further.

The technique Wyn Cyrus used, is just one of many which can be applied to early season trout fishing. To discuss all the methods and their fine points would take this whole magazine, but no one fisherman needs this. There are basic methods of fishing a fly deep, and with a little practice, anyone can master them.

The first is just a straight downstream cast and a straight upstream retrieve. It's the easiest to learn, but also the least effective, because you can't get the fly down deep enough, and there's no natural drift.

The second, which Wyn taught me, is to cast directly across the stream and let the fly make a swing before it starts its upstream path. In this way, the fly gets a short natural drift just before and during the swing. Most of your strikes will come at this time because the fly is drifting naturally at its deepest point. This method is what most anglers use, with many variations.

The characteristics of the stream has a lot to do with this. You might want to cast quartering downstream or quartering upstream, depending on the speed and depth of the water. The knowledge of being able to read different waters and how to fish them separates the men from the boys in trout fishing. To learn to read a stream takes time, and only time spent on the stream can give the angler such knowledge.

The last, most difficult, and most effective way of deep fly fishing, is the upstream cast. This requires the full attention of the angler at all times. Make a short upstream cast and extend the rod

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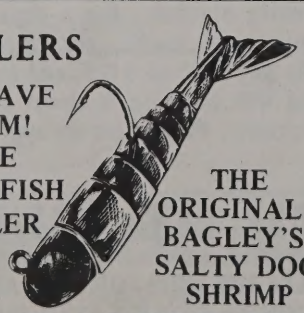
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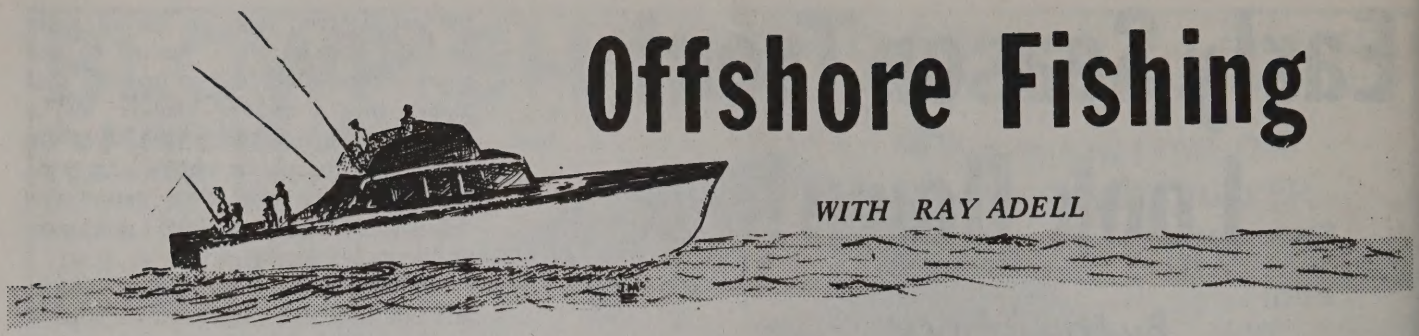

Offshore Fishing

WITH RAY ADELL

WHILE LONG ISLAND'S rich shoreline affords us abundant opportunity to fish for a variety of food and game fishes; in boats, in bays and harbors, from the flat beach or from jetties where the ocean or Long Island Sound meets the land, from a multitude of docks and bulkheads, it is the offshore waters which beckon to the most adventurous; to many, who while enjoying many different types of fishing, find their ultimate pleasure in the sport in the broad ocean beyond the sight of land. It is in these waters off our shores where innumerable sunken ships, ocean reefs, depressions in the ocean floor, that mark the locations of the famous fishing grounds that have been luring sea-going fishermen for many, many decades. And it is in these waters that the greatest variety and the largest of our sportfishes are caught.

To be sure there are a significant number of fishermen whose first trip is their last, often because of a physical revulsion to the motion of the sea (more of which in a future article), but to a vast and ever increasing army of anglers, the potential rod and reel harvest plus the less tangible but still considerable appeal and excitement of the open sea is a tantalizing inducement.

There are a number of different possibilities for the offshore fisherman. He can buy his own boat, but the purchase of a sea worthy fishing boat plus a substantial economic involvement that the majority of people who love to fish cannot negotiate. We are speaking only now in relative terms, because our area is among the more affluent in the nation, and because of the fact that one hundred miles or so of our southern shore is no farther from the ocean than across the bay and out the inlet, we may well have the greatest number of privately owned offshore fishing craft in the country per mile of shoreline, and the number grows every year. Still, most offshore fishermen do not own their own boats.

Another option, and this is a good one for anyone who is or can become a dedicated angler, who has the capacity to learn and who gets along well with people, is to join a fishing club whose primary, or at least a substantial percentage of the membership, leans in the direction of offshore fishing. There are quite a few very good ones on Long Island, and while some are easier to gain entrance to than others, with the appropriate amount of persistance and some intelligent scouting about for this purpose, the type of person I have mentioned can achieve membership. If he is willing to learn and carry his share of involvement he will make enough friends who have boats who are frequently eager to add another helpful member to their crew when the need for this calls. Of course, this will probably mean that he will ultimately have to share the costs of gas, bait, food and other incidental expenses of a particular trip, but this is as nothing compared to the mortgage payments on the boat and equipment, mooring and docking expenses, engine and boat repair and the other big gun expenses.

Chartering a boat is yet another possibility, and the angler who has friends with like inclinations, either in or outside of a fishing club, can substantially reduce the cost of each trip. An offshore charter on Long Island will cost approximately $145 for bottom and mackerel fishing, about $175 up to 6 people ($13 per head each additional) if the trip is geared to chumming bluefish. For a days trolling for tuna and marlin, the skipper will usually get $150 to $175, and giant tuna fishing will come in at about $200 per days charter. Prices here are approximate but they can be used as a guide. They include bait and chum.

The number of people who can share the trip varies substantially according to the size of the boat. Many of the larger professional charter boats can handle 15 or occasionally even more people, and if everyone gets along well enough, there is little reason not to sail with a full compliment to keep the costs down when out for bluefish or mackerel. The chumming technique allows for that many lines to be fished. So too, bottom fishing. Trolling for tuna and marlin, however, where quality rather than quantity of action can be expected, a smaller number of participants - four is best - will usually allow for a reasonable chance for each angler to have a crack at the rod. Fishing the ocean on a charter boat has some very obvious advantages, high among them is the fact that the man at the helm is a professional who spends much of his life, day in and day out, over long years, attempting to locate fish for his customers to catch. His daily contact with the movement of pelagic species, his familiarity with all of the major fishing grounds, and often some he knows and keeps to himself, plus his expertise in fishing technique itself, is a valuable asset in the pursuit of offshore action. Every large port along the Island's south shore has a charter boat fleet. Reservations must be made in advance, of course, by contacting the captain himself or through any of the boatmen's associations that supervise the placement of charters for a given port.

Advertisements in this publication and in daily newspapers can guide the prospective charter boat angler, but his plans should be firmed up well in advance, especially if he has a specific captain in mind, for the better known among

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Party boat fishing has a long and colorful career in our area and while I am not in possession of any statistics, I feel secure in the statement that more offshore fishermen participate in the sport by way of the party boat than by all other means combined. The party boat business got its start in the 1890's when local breweries became aware of the quantity of beer consumed by members of fishing clubs who were on chartered fishing trips. The first party boats were three decker steamers owned by the breweries whose intent was to sell their product to a captive clientelle. While I wasn't around in those days, and know no one who was, my information is that originally the fare was a quarter, the boats carried up to fifteen hundred fishermen, and employed crews of three dozen men.

The party boat business has evolved as dramatically over the years of this century as has everything else, and with the conclusion of World War II, and government surplus vessels available to people who wanted to continue or enter the fishing business, the party boat industry really took off. Reconverted 110 foot subchasers, former air-sea rescue craft, 65 foot "crash boats" and former Coast Guard patrol boats, plus other vessels of military origin, proved ideal party boats. Sophisticated electronic gear evolved under the powerful impetus of the war was also available for subsequent refinement and conversion to use by the fishermen.

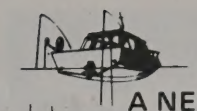
More recent changes, under the pressure of the continuing growth of offshore sportfishing and the concomitant of expanding competition, have changed the party boat industry even more in recent years. Boats with new designs, including steel hulled catamarans of very impressive dimensions, expanded trips to formerly prohibitive distances, with sailings beginning the night before, and still other innovations which include such extensive merchandising devices as "dock" pools, where large sums of money can be won, all have an influence on the contemporary shape of the party boat business.

Offshore party boat fishing today offers a variety of possibilities that it never did before, from simple bottom fishing on the wrecks for blackfish, cod and other ground species to the staple chumming fare of bluefish and mackerel to more specialized recent innovations to the aforementioned distant waters - out to the edge of the continental shelf - on a trip that starts the evening before in pursuit of tilefish. Then too, in recent years, party boat anglers of Long Island sometimes have a shot at giant tuna of many hundreds of pounds in the late summer or fall.

While prices vary somewhat (current mackerel tab is $10 - Party boat skippers got $13 last year for bluefish. A tilefish trip cost $35), they are all a long way off from the two bit price of the Gay Nineties, when the business was born. The rise in price coincides with the rise in price of everything else, and as a fishing value, the party boat cost is a nominal one.

Some tips: Go on weekdays rather than weekends if at all possible. Weekend fishing at the height of the season on a nice day is often a tight squeeze. Sunday almost always has a lighter crowd than Saturday. Avoid extremely light tackle, especially when elbow room is at a premium. While most party boat fishing is still down without reservation, when the fish are running good, get there at least an hour before sailing time, earlier even on weekends if possible. Tackle rentals are almost always available. Your own is almost always better. Most party boats sell food and drink aboard. Listen to the captain and the mate - they do this every day and it's in their interest for you to catch fish. Party boats sail from every major port along the shore and you'll have to weigh ultimate allegiance to one boat against the advantages of skipping around. Then too, what's happening out of Freeport or Captree is not happening at Montauk. Party boat skippers generally alter the 'no reservation' tradition on some specialized trips to distant wrecks, to the canyon for tile fishing, and for tuna chumming in the fall.

These then are the available alternatives for the ocean fisherman. Some anglers cross over to utilize the full range of these possibilities. I know a few who own their own boats, who also fish on friends' vessels, occasionally charter a boat, and also spend a day now and then on a party boat. The big thing is that the sea beckons; the land dwindles in the distance; and a monster of the deep is always a possibility.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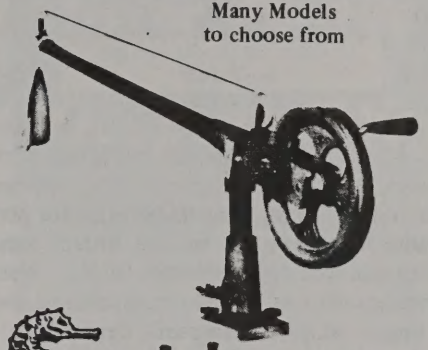
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KINGFISH

by VLAD EVANOFF

THE LITTLE "KINGFISH" has saved many a day for me in the surf when other more glamourous species such as stripers, blues or weaks were not around or not hitting. Then if you brought along a dozen bloodworms, you could almost be certain of catching a few "kings" to take home for a tasty meal. And also have some fun and sport.

Before we go into the details of catching this fish, let's kind of straighten out the names of this fish. It can be confusing since other fish have the same name and there can be a mix-up or at least you may be thinking of another fish instead of the one I am writing about.

The correct name of this fish is northern whiting (Menticirrhus saxatilis). Two other related species are the southern whiting and the Gulf whiting found in southern waters. They are not related to the "whiting" or silver hake which we catch during the winter months. Nor is the kingfish related to the king mackerel, also called "kingfish," which is found in Florida and other tropical waters.

The kingfish we are interested in is a member of the croaker family. It has a tall, front dorsal fin which tapers to a thin, flexible point. The king has a small, underslung mouth and a "barbel" or whisker hanging from the tip of the lower jaw. The fish's back is greyish and blends into silvery sides and belly. The sides are marked with irregular stripes or bars.

Most Long Island and New Jersey anglers call this fish the "kingfish," so we'll stick to that name in this article. They are found in the bays, inlets and along the beaches from Cape Cod to Florida but are most plentiful from New York to Chesapeake Bay.

If you do any surf fishing with small hooks starting around now and during the summer and early fall months, you're almost certain to catch a few kingfish. Especially if you use such baits as bloodworms, pieces of shrimp or tiny sand bugs (which are found in the sand under the breaking waves). They'll also hit a small piece of squid or clam at times but the best bait for day-in and day-out fishing is the bloodworm.

Unfortunately, too many kingfish are caught on heavy surf rods both conventional and spinning and the fish fails to show its best fighting abilities on such tackle. If you go after them, use your lightest surf outfit and nowadays spinning rods around 8½ or 9 feet long with light 12 pound test lines are ideal for these fish. With this you can try sinkers weighing 2 ounces if the surf isn't too rough and you don't have to cast too far.

The standard surf rig is fine for kings with the hook on a short snell or leader about 16 inches long and a No. 1 or 1/0 hook. This can be an O'Shaughnessy, Eagle Claw or Sproat Pattern.

You can catch kingfish from most of the beaches along the south shore of Long Island from the Rockaways to Montauk Point. I've had good luck at Atlantic Beach, Long Beach, Jones Beach and on out at Fire Island and along the Hamptons. Kingfish like to hang out at the mouths of inlets. Here they prefer the deeper holes, channels and drop-offs. Along the open sand beaches they favor the sloughs, cuts and edges of sand-bars. They often come in close to the beach and feed along the breakers. Jetties and breakwaters are good spots to fish from, especially at low tide when you can often reach deeper water casting from the rocks.

Kingfish are accommodating little fish and bite well during the day and even at night. Many a surf angler has come home from work, eaten dinner, then drove down to the beach and caught a mess of kings in a few hours even in the dark. If there are any peak periods for kingfishing in the surf, I would say early morning and evening tides are somewhat better than at other times.

Kingfish often take a bait with little fuss and then a quick lift of the rod will set the hook. Other times they sort of play around and you'll feel a series of sharp raps or nibbles. Then it pays to wait until you feel a solid tug or pull before setting the hook.

Once you do hook the king, you'll be surprised by his strength and fight on the end of the line. He even makes short runs with the sinker or may run inshore creating slack line. When you get him in the undertow he puts up a final effort to escape. But being a lightweight (average about a pound), and dragging a sinker around soon tires him and he can be reeled in rather quickly by sheer force.

Kingfish can also be caught from boats in inlets, bays and tidal rivers. Here you can have even more sport and use a light one-handed spinning rod with 6 or 8 lb. test line. If the water is shallow and the tide isn't too strong, you may be able to use a sinker weighing only an ounce or so. The regular No. 1 or 1/0 hook used in the surf can also be used for bay fishing.

I've caught kings in Peconic Bay when fishing for weakfish and porgies. They respond to grass shrimp chum like the weakfish and can be caught under the boat. If you have no chum, look for kingfish in channels, edges of sand bars, drop-offs, holes and over oyster beds.

No matter where caught, the kingfish is truly a "king" when served at the table. He makes a royal dish fit for a king. The flesh is sweet, firm and moist and they can be pan fried, deep-fried or prepared in other ways like most fish.

Fisherman's KITCHEN

BY GENE KOWALSKI

How Lucky We Are To Live Here

Bouillabaisse, the traditional fish soup from Marseilles, is made from nature's bounty. It's easily adapted to any area — simply use the ingredients that are most readily available.

Before the days of refrigeration, people who lived inland were never able to enjoy the fine seafood that comes from our coasts. Even now, we who live in the coastal areas are the lucky ones. Just think of the many ocean treats available to us **free** for the picking or catching — crabs, oysters, clams, mussels, innumerable species of delicious fish — just because we live close to the shore. And not only can we enjoy **free** seafood, at its very best and freshest, practically any time we like — but getting it is a day's fun as well!

In coastal France, the commercial fishermen used to put together all the seafood left over after most of the day's catch had been sold, and make a hearty variety fish dinner called **Bouillabaisse.** Classic recipes for this celebrated fish soup call for more kinds of seafood than you're likely to catch or gather in one day's fishing. . . but you could "fill in" from the fish market on your way home. Here's an Americanized version of the famous recipe from Marseilles, made from local seafood. Try it in your own kitchen — it takes a little time, but it's delicious, and really quite simple to prepare!

BOUILLABAISSE FOR 8

¼ cup olive oil
2 medium onions, chopped
1 cup chopped celery
2 large carrots, cut into thin round slices
2 cloves garlic, minced
1-lb. can tomatoes
6-oz. can tomato paste
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
few dashes tabasco
2 cups fish stock
1 cup dry white wine (optional)
3 or 4 lbs. medium fish chunks — use any white, firm-fleshed fish (cod, blackfish, striper, tilefish, porgy, blowfish, eel, skate, dogfish) — if possible, mix 3 or 4 species
Shellfish — as available, add any or all of the following: a few shelled and deveined shrimp; a couple of 1-lb. lobsters, split, cleaned, and cut up, with the claws cracked; a few each of clams, oysters, mussels, and cleaned crabs
8 thick slices of buttered French bread

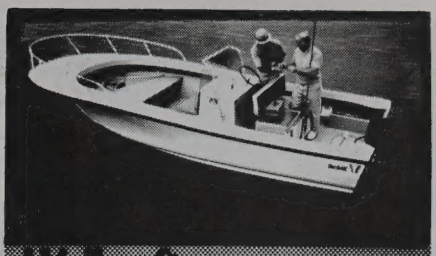
1. Put the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onions, celery, carrots and garlic, and simmer for a few minutes until the onions are transparent and tender.

2. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste, thyme, salt, parsley, tabasco, and fish stock. Stir and bring to a gentle boil. Add the wine, if desired.

3. Add the fish and shellfish and simmer, covered, for 8 to 12 minutes. While it simmers, fry the buttered French bread until warmed and toasted, and put it in deep soup bowls. Spoon the Bouillabaisse over the bread.

How To Make The Fish Stock

Put about 6 cups of water in a large pot and add: one onion cut into large pieces, with skin; 2 ribs of celery, with tops; one carrot, split; a branch or two of parsley; and pinch of thyme; a bay leaf; plus the fish heads, spines, and trimmings. Simmer for about 2 hours. Strain the liquid and throw away the contents of the strainer. Boil the strained liquid until it's reduced to about 2 cups.



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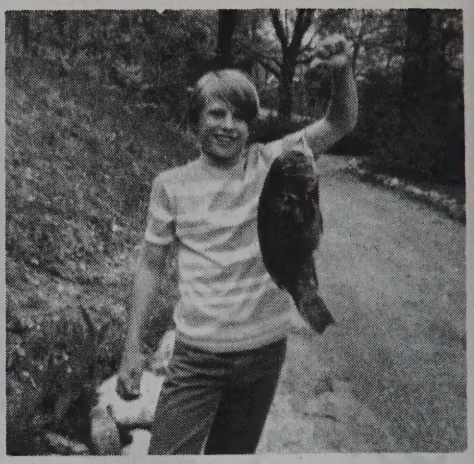
Bud Maier is shown holding a 28 lb. 9 oz. striper. The smaller one went 15 lbs. Both were caught at Sag Harbor. Photo courtesy of the Bayview Tackle & Bait.

Six year old Kim Wood holds her first striped bass. Kim also caught the mackerel on the grass. All the fish were caught at Crab Meadow Beach.



Peter Wight, of Northport, holding a 6 lb. blackfish which he caught off Asharoken Beach.

Hudson River Report

by Pete Barrett

CLAVERACK, N.Y.

Everett Nack of Nack's Tackle Shop reported that the striped bass fishing is getting better. There is good bass fishing below the Rip Van Winkel Bridge and around Rogers Island at an area known as "Middle Ground Flats." Most of the bass are being caught on blood and sandworms. Shad fishing continues to be excellent from Kingston north. Shad darts fished around sand bars is the best method on these fish.

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VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's Tackle Shop reported some good sized stripers are being taken at Roa Hook near Peekskill. Excellent striper fishing can be found around Iona Island, the oyster beds. Oskawana Beach, and behind the F.D.R. Hospital. Bob Totes caught a 14 lb. bass on sandworms at the sea plane base. Boat trollers working the Furnace Brook outlet with bucktails are getting some nice fish. Bigger stripers can be found at Dennings Point, Foundry Cove and the Constitution outflow. Plenty of white perch and catfish are along the beaches from Oskawana to Croton Point. Now is the best time for sturgeon fishing. These fish can be found at the deep holes off Stony Brook.

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CROTON ON THE HUDSON

The Croton Bait & Tackle reported that stripers up to 13 lbs. are being caught at Senesqua Beach on white bucktails. Some school sized bass can be had off Tellers Point. The Croton River has a few big bass but if you're fishing the area around Quaker Bridge, a fresh water license is required. Herring fishing is good in the Croton River also.

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OSSINING

Tony's Bait & Tackle reported excellent striped bass fishing around the Shattemur Yacht Club to Crawbuckie Beach. Shore casters use bloodworms and boatmen troll white bucktails. School sized bass are being caught at Scarboro Beach on worm baits.

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FORT LEE

Al & Jerry's Tackle Shop reported good catches of white perch and catfish up to 4 lbs. all along the Palisades Interstate Parkway shoreline. Stripers are hitting blue and purple rubber worms near the rocks on the northern shore of Piermount Pier. Stripers up to 5 lbs. are taking plastic eel lures at Tallman Marsh. Some good catches of striped bass have been reported off Bayonne at Robin Reef. Worms and spinner combinations work best. Some fishermen have been using plugs and bucktail lures and find them effective also.

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The Eng family, of Brooklyn, with a mess of flounders which were caught in Harts Cove. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Paul of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported that Execution Light is the place to load up on mackerel. 12 year old Roy Cedeno, using fiddler crabs, nailed a 10 lb. blackfish off the south end of Harts Island. Bass up to 10 lbs. (larger ones offshore in the Sound) are being taken by trolling worms. You can do some plugging close to shore by Turtle Cove, however, you must have a Rebel to do the job right.

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BAYVILLE

The news from Pump's Park Fishing Station, as given to us by Russell, states that there are blacks from 4 to 5 lbs. at Centre Island Reef and Oak Neck Point, mackerel are plentiful and run up to 2 lbs., there are lots of short bass and a few weaks running about 2 lbs. each. Anglers are using worms and mackerel jigs to score. For those who are interested, Moby Dick, Jr. is still playing around out there in the Sound. A word to the wise: It's very difficult to fillet a whale, so let him be!

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported there is very good weakfishing available. Fred Mayer came in with seven big ones which ran from 5 to 8 lbs. Sandworms used in Oyster Bay Channel did the trick. There have been more reports of shorts. Blackfish are coming in at 7 and 8 lbs. You need fiddler crabs to land these nice blacks. Mackerel are still here and in great abundance. A few catches of porgies to 1 lb. were reported over the weekend.

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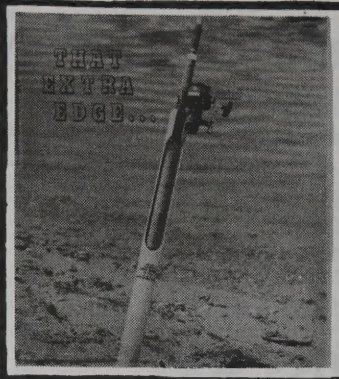

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Michael Bruno with two of 14 flounders caught in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of the White Plains Pet & Tackle Shop.

Mario Deluci and Joe Pacsaro, of the Bronx, with 158 flounders up to 1¾ lbs. Photo courtesy of Shoreline Marina.

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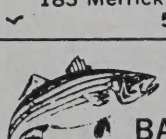

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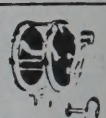

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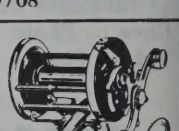

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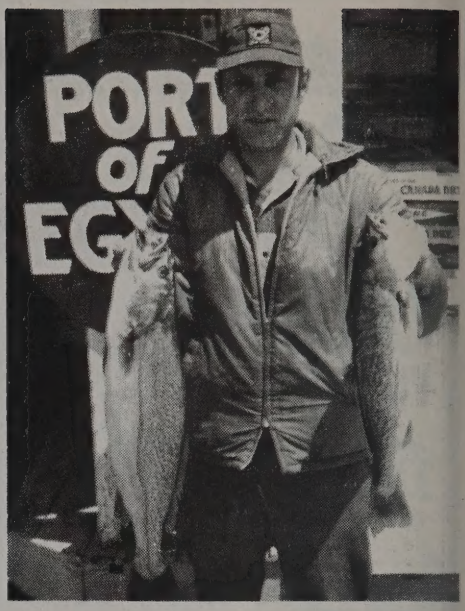
Harold Hansen with a 10 lb. blackfish which was caught on a fiddler crab at Flat Neck Point, Conn. Photo courtesy of the Sportsmans Den, Conn.



Bert Silverman, of Brooklyn, with a 7 lb. 3 oz. weakfish (left) caught off Jessups Neck. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

North Shore Reports

NORTHPORT

Bowmann's Sporting Goods reported that there is good weakfishing in the upper part of Northport Bay. Mackerel are also being caught at the same place. You can also get mackerel about 400 yards off of Makamah. They run about 1½ to 2 lbs. Some weakfish up to 3 lbs. were caught. Flounders are moving out, and there are still a lot of small bass.

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PORT JEFFERSON

John Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station told us that you can get mackerel at Buoy 11. Weakfish are inside and blacks are at Old Field during high tide. There were some sea bass taken at Rocky Point which weighed in at 2¾ lbs. For the bass fishermen: Frank Ilovic and Nick Fattina got themselves a 16 lb. and a 15 lb. bass respectively. They were fishing the east side of the harbor on Friday and they landed their bass on a floating Rebel. Joe McCambridge, using a worm and spinner combo, caught a 12 lb. bass in Conscience Bay.

Plaza Sports reported that small bass have moved on and bigger bass have moved into the harbor and outside along the beaches. Joe Clark, of Port Jefferson Station, caught a 10 lb. striper on worms off Cedar Beach. Bob Turer, of Port Jefferson Station, took a 7¾ lb. and a 15 lb. bass in the harbor on an Alou Eel. Weakfish up to 3 lbs. are in the harbor. Fluke have made their appearance off Miller Place. Mike Ferro, of Port Jefferson, took a 4 pounder on a sandworm off Miller Place.

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty W," reported that on Saturday their charter was the South Farmingdale Fire Dept. They had a good day on blackfish, flounders and mackerel. A 10 lb. blackfish took the pool. On Sunday, Jim Viola and family had the charter. Frank Viola won the pool with a 7 lb. blackfish.

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MOUNT SINAI

The report from Ralph's Fishing Station is: Mackerel, blackfish and weakfish are being taken. You can jig up macks outside. With a few fiddler crabs, you can get yourself some nice blacks off Rocky Point and Miller Place. If you go to the mouth of the harbor, you can land weakfish. They also have had a few porgies taken over the weekend.

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SMITHTOWN

George of Beacon on the Sound reported that mackerel are at the bluff; also flounders and blacks and a few weakfish. The weaks are taking squid and the blacks are going for crabs. George said, "the bass are starting to move." There are still a lot of shorts, however, they are taking bass of 7 and 8 lbs. and better.

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GREENPORT

Art White of White's Tackle said that weakfishing is very good. The weaks run up to 8 lbs. and you can get them at the Brickyard, Roses Grove, Gardiners Island and Jessups Neck to name just a few good spots. They are getting blackfish on fiddler crabs and also some small bass. Art also mentioned that a few blues were spotted.

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SOUTHOLD-ORIENT POINT

Peter Lieblein tells us that fishing is just fantastic. He weighed in a 7½ lb. blackfish at the Port of Egypt Fishing Station. The place to go to for weaks is the Wind Mill and Buoys 14 and 16, just to name a few. For people who like fishing for blacks, it's just great around Buoy 17 and Orient Point. Make sure you bring along the fiddler crabs. If you aren't tired of catching mackerel, go east young man, or woman, east of Greenport that is. Barney Oats got his first keeper bass out of Plum Gut. He used an 8 oz. diamond jig. Flounder fishermen can get the bigger ones off Gardiners Island.

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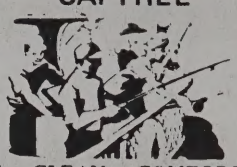

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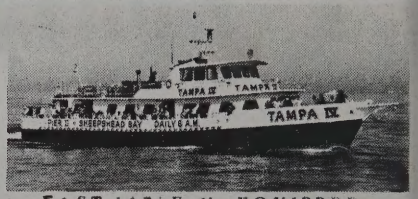

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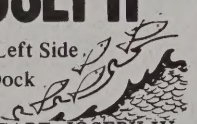

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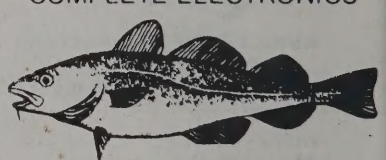

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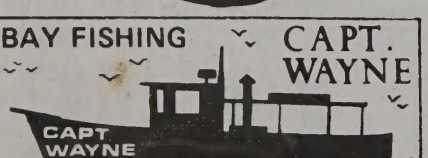

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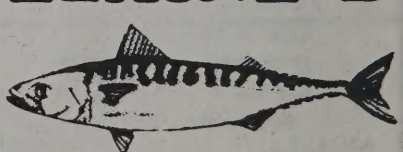

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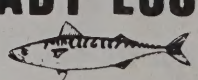

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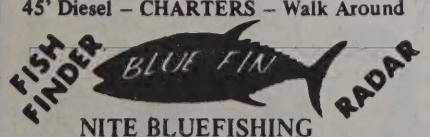

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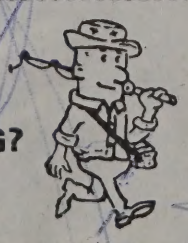

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Many surfcasters like an incoming tide because it floats crabs and other baitfish out of their burrows and triggers a feeding reaction among the larger fish.

Robert Bianco and sons, Dominic and Paul, of Queens, with 80 flounders caught in Harts Cove. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

Buddy Turoff, Randy Turoff and Sheri Dranch, of Manhattan, with 50 flounders and two 3 lb. weakfish, caught in Moriches. Photo courtesy of the Silly Lily Fishing Station.

Jimmy Lee Suggs, Robert Bunting and Jimmy Smith with their catch of weaks and porgies. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Capt. Les Behan, skipper of the "Peconic Queen II," reported that the codfishing has been fair all week. The weekend saw a southerly swell and heavy seas so the fishing was off a bit. There are some good sized cod and pollock around Coxes Ledge. The average size of the fish here is about 10 lbs. with plenty in the twenties and thirties.

Fred Shay of the East Lake Fishing Station reported excellent flounder fishing under the Light. The weekend fishing fell off because of heavy ground swells.

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SAG HARBOR

Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reported that fishing couldn't be better. There are plenty of weakfish in the South Ferry area. Flounders are numerous at Cedar Point. One bluefish was caught by a boat troller in the South Ferry area. Don Siano, a recent L.I.F. contest winner, may do it again with the 42 lb. striped bass he caught. Don trolled this lunker on a red tube in the South Ferry area. Fishermen have been taking some fair sized bass out of here. A few porgies have started to show.

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SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Clark II," reported there are plenty of weakfish in Peconic Bay. Scattered catches of porgies are being made along with the weakfish. "We are averaging 20 to 22 fish per man, with many of the weaks running up to 4 lbs. and better." The National Golf Links, Nassau Point and Roses Grove seem to be the hotspots.

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HAMPTON BAYS

Frank Muller of Frank's Fishing Station reported excellent fishing all over. The flounders are in heavy at the 'Basket' and Greenlawn. Striped bass have been hitting at the bridges. There are some fluke near the inlet.

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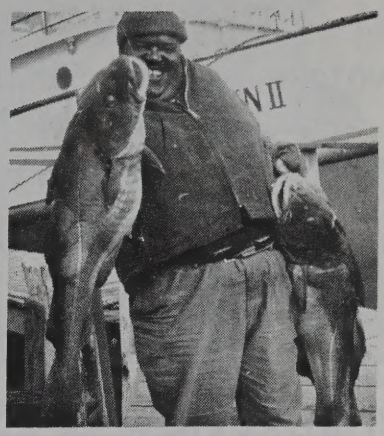
Kathleen and Suzanne Moeller, of Farmingdale, with their catch of flounders, made in the Great South Bay.

James Leotta and son Tony with some of the mackerel they caught at Buoy 11 off Port Jefferson. The 7½ lb. blackfish was caught off Mt. Misery.

Kathy Matchekosky and her 2 year old son Peter, with Peter's first flounder.

Nancy of Skidmore's Fishing Station with two weakfish she caught in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Christine Ortman with her contest winning fluke, caught at Montauk Point. Christine was last week's L.I.F. Contest winner.



Herbert Jones, of Brooklyn, with a 44 and a 40 lb. cod. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen II" out of Montauk.

South Shore Reports

MORICHES

The Hi-Way Fishing Station reported that the fluke are in. "It's the best start we have had in the last 3 or 4 years." Walter Szelenkewitz had 47 fluke over the weekend. His largest fish tipped the scales at 8¾ lbs. A party from New Jersey had 50 to 60 fluke. Hank Schonenfeld had a mess of fluke up to 7¾ lbs. Flounder fishing continues to be excellent south of Buoys 36 and 35.

Frank Savino of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station reported there are plenty of flounders all over the place. The fluke have started to show at the new cut. These fish are still a little thin but they are showing quite strong. Weakfishing is slow.

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MASTIC

Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reported that the weakfishing is the best they have ever seen. The best place is near Buoy 17. Fluke fishing is starting off better than it has in the last 2 or 3 years. These summer flatfish can be found near Buoy 17 also. Kingfish and flounders are around in numbers near Buoy 23. A few crabs have started to show.

SAYVILLE

Vito Intini of the South Bay Fishing Station reported that the weakfishing is excellent north of Buoy 4 near Heckscher State Park. Mike Andreacisk, Lenny Roth and son Mitchell caught 35 weaks to 7 lbs. and seven fluke to 4 lbs. at Buoy 4. The fluke fishing has picked up considerably.

CAPTREE

Capt. Bill Joseph, skipper of the "Capt. Joseph," reported that the weakfishing was good all week and it fell off somewhat over the weekend. Wednesday was our best day with the weakfish. We had about 60 weaks caught, with some running 5 to 7 lbs. The fluke have been showing better this year than they have in the past several years. It just might turn out to be a decent year with these summer flatfish.

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BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reported that bluefish moved into this area on Sunday evening. Boatmen trolled or chummed these 6 to 7 lb. blues at the Steamboat Channel. Weakfishing remains excellent on the east side of the Captree Bridge, off Ocean Beach and the State Channel. Fluke fishing is good in the State Channel opposite the Captree Boat Basin. Flounders are hitting near the Sore Thumb Jetty at the mouth of the inlet. Blowfish are everywhere.

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LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported that the weakfish are all over the bay. Eight year old Robbie Lentino, of Copiague, caught an 8 lb. weakfish in the State Channel off the Captree Boat Basin. Six year old Jimmy Schaefer, of Copiague, caught a 3 lb. herring while fishing from the Wellwood Avenue dock. Capt. George Mussler, skipper of the charter boat "My Dad," reported that he had eleven fluke up to 5½ lbs. drifting in the inlet near the Sore Thumb Jetty.

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SEAFORD

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reported that the weakfishing is excellent from Amityville east. A few weaks are being caught near Zach's Bay also. Tony Quatela, of Massapequa, caught a 18¼ lb. striped bass on clam bellies under the Wantagh Bridge. The surf is very slow on striped bass fishing.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reported that after the mackerel left, they turned to bottom fishing for sea bass, blackfish and ling. "The sea bass fishing is the best we have had in several years. Reports of large schools of bluefish have been reported to the south, so it looks like a pretty good year ahead for these blue battlers."

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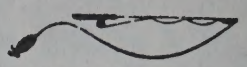

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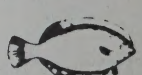

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Gerry DeMeo caught this 9 lb. striper on a Rebel lure along the Glen Cove shoreline.

John Sills, of Brooklyn, with 15 sea porgies up to 3 lbs. 2 ozs. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

Max Mansell, of Penna., with a 48 and a 44 lb. cod. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen II" out of Montauk.

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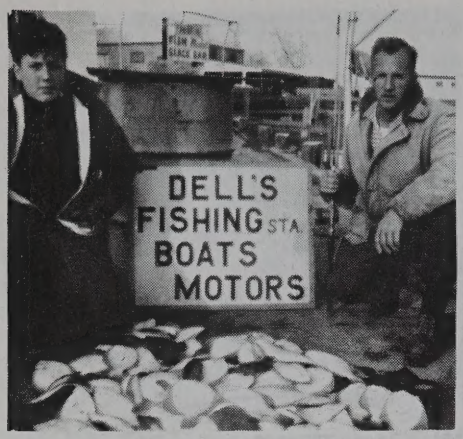

Mike Greenwaldt and son Kenny with 60 flounders caught in Seaford. Photo courtesy of Dell's Fishing Station.

These happy anglers caught over 100 flounders recently while fishing aboard the "Capt. Jim IV" charter boat.

John Kapp, Walter Yackel and Russell Puzack, all from Queens, caught 83 weakfish up to 5 lbs. Photo courtesy of the Noyac Marina in Sag Harbor.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White, skipper of the "Angler II," reports that tilefishing was fantastic at the Hudson Canyon. "We had great weather and all the tiles were big. We had fish up to 50 lbs. The 24 hour round trip was well worth it. We passed the Russian trawlers out there, and they are giving the area a real working over."

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reported excellent fluke action in Reynolds Channel. Boatmen trolling with spearing baits are doing best. These fluke aren't doormats, but most are in the 3 to 4 lb. weight range. Flounder fishing continues to be excellent around Swift Creek. Some good weakfish catches were made around Swift Creek also. Ronnie Remland, of Oceanside, trolled a 30 lb. striped bass off Malibu Beach. Blackfishing is poor all over. Alan Grier, of Baldwin Harbor, caught an 11 lb. fluke opposite Ed's Fishing Station.

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RHODE ISLAND REPORT

Salt water fishing is hitting a good stride in the "Ocean State" with excellent catches being made from shore and boats of cod, mackerel, flounder, squeteague, tautog and school bass (if you can call a 22 pound striper caught a week ago Sunday by Bob Tavares at Nayatt Point from his bass boat - a schoolie).

At Newport "plenty of" mackerel have been, and are being, caught from boat and beach at Castle Hill and a few school bass are being caught among them. The mackerel are running to an extremely good size of 1½ to 2½ pounds. School bass are also up the Sakonnet River at Island Park. The Sakonnet River and the waters off Newport and Middletown also have good catches of Squeteague running from two to four pounds and very many flounder and tautog.

Narragansett, South Kingstown and the south shore beaches are reporting excellent catches of mackerel in the same weight range as the east bay areas and their catches of cod, flounder, tautog and school bass are also comparable.

Free information on salt water fishing in Rhode Island may be obtained by writing: Fishing Editor, Rhode Island Development Council, Roger Williams Bldg., Hayes St., Providence, R.I. 02908.

ANNUAL SPRING FLOUNDER TRIP

Eighteen members of the Huntington Anglers Club chartered the "Wahoo" out of Greenport and caught 70 flounders and over 300 mackerel. First prize went to Bob DiGiorgio with a 2½ lb. flounder. Second prize went to Peter Brown with a 2 lb. 2 oz. flounder.

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

SAVE OUT BAYS Association, of Seaford, is holding a special meetin at the Baldwin Public Library, Grand and Prospect Avenues, Tuesday night, June 6th, at 8:00 P.M. The subject discussed will be South Shore bay Pollution.

Speakers will be Stanley Juczak, Director of Nassau County Bureau of Water Pollution Control and Professor Bob Johnson, Marine Biologist of Hofstra University.

BOAT INSPECTIONS OFFERED

S.O.S. WEEKEND, which stands for Seal of Safety is June 3rd and 4th.

This is the weekend when all motorboat examiners in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary throughout the country are out in force, to inspect Pleasure Craft. The Inspection is in accordance with the regulations set forth by the United States Coast Guard. A decal will be issued, to be displayed in the windshield of the boat, if all Safety Requirements are met, for the size and type of boat you own. There is no penalty for owners not meeting all requirements, defects will be pointed out to the owner. It is advised, if a defect is found, the owner rectify the problem, and have the boat reinspected.

On the North Shore, Division XII of The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will have manned stations starting at the Worlds Fair Marina, Flushing Bay Piers 1, 2 and 3, and heading East as far as The Town Parks and Ramps at Oyster Bay. Most town, private docks, ramps, and yacht clubs will be covered between these two points. The Inspections are free of charge and are a courtesy of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

If your boat is not ready for inspection on this weekend, it can still be inspected at any time through the boating season at most of the above locations. For information on above, please contact Division Courtesy Examiner T.E. Prager at 516/487-4793.

Seal of Safety – The Seal is the Decal, and the Safety is all Requirements met. Let's have a safe boating season.

(Left to right) Artie Jost, Greg Jost and Tony Vaccaro, of East Patchogue, with 33 weakfish up to 6½ lbs.

Al Dade, of Freeport, with a 13 lb. 12 oz. fluke caught in Peconic Bay. Photo courtesy of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

JUNE MEETING

The Nassau County Fish & Game Association will devote an entire evening to Salt Water Fishing. Speaker for the evening will be Bob Pond of the Atom Manufacturing Co. There will be exhibits, displays and demonstrations. The meeting will take place at the Hempstead Recreation Building, 355 Greenwich St., Hempstead, N.Y. It will be open to the public.

Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Henry L. Diamond told a legislative hearing Thursday night (March 23) that approval of the proposed $1.2 billion environmental bond issue is "essential to the ecological health of Long Island."

"This bond proposal which has wide bipartisan support will help the communities of Long Island meet such critical environmental problems as solid waste disposal, sewage treatment, air pollution and preservation of wetlands," Commissioner Diamond testified at a public hearing conducted by Senator Bernard C. Smith, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Conservation and Recreation and Clarence D. Lane, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Conservation, at Hauppauge.

Commissioner Diamond emphasized that most of the $1.2 billion bond issue -- over $900 million -- will go "directly to help cities, towns, counties and villages which are on the front line of the environment where water and air must be cleansed and garbage hauled away."

"More than $50 million in sewage treatment projects on Long Island are stalled because of lack of funds," Commissioner Diamond said, adding "approval of the bond issue and appropriate action by the Congress will thaw this freeze."

He cited pending treatment plants at Freeport, Long Beach, Glen Cove and Port Washington in Nassau County, and Greenport, Ocean Beach, Patchogue, Sag Harbor, Hauppauge and Port Jefferson in Suffolk County.

Conservation of groundwater resources is essential to the stability of Long Island's supply of drinking water, and recharging of wastewaters is the most economical and feasible approach, the Commissioner continued.

"This will be burdensome and expensive for municipalities, but with State and Federal help it can be done," Commissioner Diamond asserted. "The environmental bond issue will provide the State's share."

In the area of solid waste, Commissioner Diamond said, "municipal and industrial sources on Long Island generated 2,590,000 tons of solid wastes in 1970. By 1995, less than 25 years, this is expected to triple to more than 8,800,000 tons a year.

"Local governments with sound programs for solid waste management need financial help for land acquisition, collection and processing equipment and resource recovery systems," Commissioner Diamond said. "The environmental bond issue will provide this assistance."

"In the fight against air pollution," Commissioner Diamond said, "Long Island communities need help to upgrade municipal incinerators and other public sources of air pollution. The environmental bond issue will provide this help."

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ATLANTIC BEACH TO MANASQUAN
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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reported that fluke made their seasonal debute last weekend. Daniel Reich, a seven year old angler from Manhattan, was fishing aboard Stanley Silverberg's "L'Chayim" at Buoy 3 of Reynolds Channel last Saturday. He caught the largest reported fluke of the season for the area there, a 7 lb. 2 oz. fluke. The L'Chayim boated 11 other fluke for the day. Other fluke action was located at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and the Silver Point Jetty. Along these areas, boats averaged from 2 to 7 fluke per boat. Al Odsen and Jerry O'Keeffe, of Brooklyn, caught 7 fluke up to 3 lbs. at the Yacht Club. They also fished the bridge and caught 20 blackfish up to 4½ lbs. The blacks were taken on crabs. Blackfishing is also good at the Silver Point Jetty, the 28th Street wreck and the rock jetties.

Sea bass and ling are located along local wrecks. Weakfish are starting to show more and more along Long Beach in 28 ft. of water. Weaks up to 4 lbs. are being caught on jigs and squid baits.

Andy Teresco of Long Beach boated the largest bass reported thus far for this season and for this area. Andy was trolling a tube lure off of Lido Beach from his boat, the Bucktail. A 36 lb. 4 oz. bass hit the lure and was boated. Bill Hores, of Far Rockaway, boated 3 bass off of Jersey on brown tubes last Sunday. Alex Sreter bagged a 25½ lb. Jersey bass on a bunker spoon aboard his boat, Lucky S.

Last Monday, Capt. Ronnie Lepper reported that for the day's fishing, his crew, consisting of Frank Keating of the L.I. Press, Red Blumlein of Queens, Bob Foley of Woodside, and Paul Mayer of the Bronx, caught 5 bass from 10 to 16 lbs. and also one bluefish. All of their fish were taken on tubes. Ronnie also reported that he tried bunker spoons for larger fish. They had one on, however, it was lost and that was all the action on bunker spoons. Late in the day, they switched to tubes for smaller fish and connected.

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun reported that flounder fishing is trying to hold on, however, mostly small fish are being caught. Bass fishing is good presently, however, mostly shorts are being caught. With each passing day, more and more keepers are being caught. At the Rockaway Bridge, the tressel and the South Channel Bridge, blackfish up to 2½ bls. are being caught. Weakfishing is still slow and poor, but it's early.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Locally, anglers have their choice of blackfish and small stripers at Rockaway Jetty. At the Marine Parkway Bridge, blackfsih and weakfish are being caught. Blackfish and a few sea bass are located along wrecks, jetties and bridges. The only other action around is at Ambrose Tower and the Scotland Buoy. There whiting and ling are being caught. It does seem that fishing there is on the decline. Weakfish are starting to show more and more locally. At the Round House, Louis Pier, Marine Parkway Bridge and the Rockaway side of the Jetty, weakfsih up to 3 lbs. are being caught. This action is just getting started, as is everything else.

Mackerel took a powder from the South shore last week. By the time the L.I.F. was on the stands, mackerel left our area. Presently, party boats from the bay are mackerel fishing at Long Island Sound. It's about a two hour ride to the fishing grounds. This includes good fishing and a bonus tour of New York City's bridges and waterways.

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STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported that striper fishing is still off for the season. Mostly shorts are being caught from Fort Wadsworth towards Tottenville. Fishing is steady and there is plenty of action, however, most of the fish caught are shorts. As each day goes by, more and more keepers are being boated. Last weekend, larger sized bass started to hit mackerel baits. Blackfishing was about the same as last week. Action was picky along wrecks, jetties and bridges. While using sandworms for bait, bluefish up to 6 lbs. were caught during last week off of Annadale. The action is just getting started there. Trollers caught the first fish of the season on red tubes. A few weakfish have been caught already. Within two weeks, weakfishing should develop into good action.

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SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunt of the Sea Horse called to report that since the mackerel left, party boats have been whiting and ling fishing at Ambrose Tower and the Scotland Buoy. Action was fair, but it seems that fishing there is starting to slow up. There must have been over 60 party boats from Brielle, Shark River, Highlands and the Atlantic Highlands, Staten Island, and Sheepshead Bay fishing there last weekend. It seems that's the only action around until the blues arrive. Blackfish are located along rocks and wrecks, but action has been slow. A few sea bass are starting to show. Otherwise, everything is slow, except for the surge in striper fishing off the Highlands. Charter and private boats did fairly well with bass last weekend. Last Sunday, the action really started to jump during the morning hours. Trollers caught bass on red and brown and light brown surgical tube lures. The fish ranged in size from 2 to 42 lbs. With the abundance of bunker showing at the Hook and in the bunker traps, it looks like bunker fishing for bass should start soon. Only a few blues were caught along with bass last weekend. Last week's storm took care of whatever blues were there.

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SHARK RIVER

Mackerel have left this area and party boats will be switching to bluefishing this coming weekend. Already, boats towards the south have started to go night bluefishing. So far the results have been poor, but bluefishing for party boats from this port is expected to take hold shortly. Locally, along the surf and the inlet, some good bass action is being produced for both trollers and surf fishermen. Bass from 5 to 30 lbs. are being caught at a moderate pace. Weakfishing is getting better along beach areas. Weaks up to 5 lbs. are being caught at a fair pace on jigs and squid baits.

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MANASQUAN

Capt. Howard Bogan of the Jamaica is knocking the tilefish dead at the Hudson Canyon. During last week's trip to the Canyon, the Jamaica loaded up on tilefish and enjoyed good offshore weather. The Jamaica is pretty well booked for upcoming trips to the Canyon. The Captain explained that the only way to get an early date is to make your reservations early.

Locally, Harry Conrade of Gates Bait & Tackle reported that blues are being trolled along the beach from Manasquan towards Seaside Park. This action

started late last Saturday. Trollers are producing blues up to 5 lbs. on tubes and spoons at a moderate pace. Action is expected to improve this coming weekend. Party boats from this port are starting to bluefish both night and day. At the Manasquan Canal, there are plenty of bass to be caught. Bass, from school size to 45 pounds, are being caught. Take your pick at the inlet, the canal, or along beach areas; action has been good and is expected to remain so for some time to come. Of course, action isn't as good as the present run of bass now being caught off of the Atlantic Highlands. Weakfishing is improving daily; everyone expects that weakfishing iwll be as good as or better than last year.

STRIPERS

Last Sunday, striper fishing from Sandy Hook and sotuh towards Monmouth Beach took hold. The best action was located just south of the Highlands and from a ½ to 2 miles off the beach. On Sunday, bass from 6 to 42 lbs. were caught, with boats catching from 1 to 5 fish per boat. 90% of the day's action was achieved by trollers between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. Fishing along the same area then picked up at 6 p.m. and continued until dusk. Stripers were caught mostly on red, brown and black surgical tube lures. Some of the larger bass taken over last weekend were taken on bunker spoons. The spring run of stripers is off to a good start along the Jersey shore. For the next three weeks or more, this area will produce good action for those who try. Other bass action was located off of Lido Beach in 35 ft. water depths. There were a few bass taken there last weekend. The action here was mostly on surgical tube lures. The best striper action between the Atlantic Beach to Manasquan area last week was off the beach, from a ½ to 2 miles off of the Highlands. Surgical tube lures are doing the job.

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TILEFISH

Party boats from Sheepshead Bay and Manasquan had excellent tile fishing over the Memorial Day weekend. Tilefish from 5 to 54 lbs. were caught in numbers on all trips. One thing is certain, the weather and sea conditions were just excellent for the Hudson Canyon trips. As it looks now, the present run of tileduce good catches of fish for some time to come.

EARLY SEASON TROUT

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toward the line, then follow the line down with the tip of the rod. Watch the line as it will move the same speed as the current. Any pause in the drift of the line is either a strike or the fly catching the bottom. When the line hesitates, the angler should immediately try to set the hook by lifting the rod. The angler must have control of the fly at all times. He does this by following the line with the rod. If the line runs downstream beyond the rod, fly control is lost, and the angler must make another cast.

In this case, the long cast is neither needed nor wanted. While weighted flies work best with this method, some states have restrictions, so both weighted and unweighted flies should be in the angler's fly box.

I, like most anglers, have favoirte pattersn, which I use constatnly and catch most of my fish with. It doesn't mean the flies I use are best for this area, but the important thing is that I have confidence that they will work. My one-two punch is a Hornberg Special. My dropper is made by cutting a nine-foot leader in half, and tying it back together again with a blood knot, leaving a ten inch length of mono to which the nymph is tied. This keeps the fly from tangling in the leader. The nymph is my own creation. It has a peacock herl body, ribbed with gold tinsel, and res squirrel for its legs. Other favorite flies are the muskrat nymph, the Trueblood Otter Shrimp, and in the streamer category, the Black Nosed Dace, the Squirrel Tail, and the Gray Ghost. While there are thousands of other patterns, I prefer sticking to a few favorites in a variety of sizes.

Any fly rod which will handle a number six, seven, or eight line will do the trick for fly fishing of this type. You can go lighter or heavier, but I feel any of these will make a good all-around trout outfit. The line should be fast sinking, either double taper or level. Like all good trout fishermen, you should carry an extra spool of floating line just in case the flies start to rise to the occasion.

While many dry-fly fishermen feel that fishing the sinking line isn't really fly fishing, I feel the sinking line requires a special skill not found in dry-fly fishing. It's way of fishing that's more effective, much more of the time.

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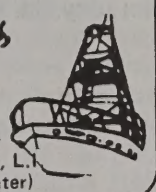

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

DARIEN

Bert took his annual bluefish cruise up mid-Sound, but sadly returned to the Bait Shop without a blue. Like all good anglers, Bert keeps a calendar, and figures they're here, but just not showing yet. Last year he'd already recorded his first chopper at this time. He and Roy DeMague consoled themselves with a bucket of big mackerel.

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NORWALK

At Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle, Rick Mola advises that mackerel are plentiful, but a short search may be necessary to locate them. They seem to be on the move, showing up one day off Westport, another at Buoy 24C, and then at Penfield in Bridgeport.

Bass are all around the Norwalk Islands, and all fish are small. Catches are astounding off Calf Pasture Pier, with most flounder fishermen catching a striper every so often. Trouble is many of these fish are undersized and tragically either through ignorance and/or greed, they're not being returned to the water. 16 INCHES, TIP OF SNOUT TO FORK OF TAIL is the MINIMUM LENGTH.

Some disturbing news at Four Winds. Gary Dillon brought in a Lamprey Eel, which he found hanging onto one of the mackerel he caught during the week. I'd hate to see those things propagate. Otherwise, blacks are hitting very well, and mackerel jigs are selling like crazy.

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WESTPORT

Nancy Boland called from the Westport Tackle Shop to tell of a couple of trout, and the gal who caught them. Ann Rimby, who fishes with husband Walt every day at the Saugatuck Reservoir, caught her first trout, and both were bragging sized three and 3½ lb. browns. They went for a worm, and were taken one right after the other at mid-morning.

Salt water anglers that scored were Mike Fritchman who cast for 17 mackerel offshore at Bedfords Point, and Bill Gardeau, who hit four keeper size bass on the Alou Eel. Mackerel have been good around Buoy 24, and bass good in the Norwalk Islands.

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BRIDGEPORT

At Bob's Bait, Roy was heading out the next morning in search of the mackerel schools. Anglers are still taking schoolies steadily off St. Mary's By The Sea, some of them fair sized. Art Blake hit a mackerel bettering two pounds outside Penfield Light, but the school proved fussy, and only hit for a few minutes before dropping the feedbag. Some blacks and still a few good flounder off of Penfield.

At the Sportsmans Den, Steve reports excellent fishing, with the Gun Club being a hotspot for surf casters. Mackerel are still making daily onshore runs at Pleasure Beach, with fishermen reaping a harvest there.

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NEW HAVEN

Walt Janeczek reports terrific fishing in the West Haven and Milford areas. The mackerel came into shore here, and catches in the twenties and thirties on the Hopkins and silver lures were common. Blacks are good at the Breakwater and Woodmont wall. Bass are very plentiful, but small, with top striper of the week being 15 pounds. That one was caught by Ray Stopka.

Walt also mentioned the amount of anglers taking short stripers. The subject came up too in mid week, when I shared a very pleasant evening at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Gus Scherer in Greenwich. Their son Joe, along with Lou Pellabay, chose as a senior project, to spend three weeks at the Nanicote River in Maryland, working with MR. STRIPERS UNLIMITED, Bob Pond, who also happens to be the designer and founder of Atom Lure Co. The Carlsons, and the Van Wyenes were also along, and naturally, the conservation was mostly about striped bass. It was an enlightening evening for this writer, and deserves far more words than space allows at this time, but I came away convinced that STRIPERS UNLIMITED is a must for anyone who has ever enjoyed or hopes to enjoy the thrill of catching a striper. If we want to preserve these fish, ending pollution, stopping the unused commercial kills, and even limiting ourselves are only part of the story. Bob, or Joe or Lou can explain it better than I, but the very least we can do is to stay within the law, and ask others possibly ignorant of the laws to do the same. The striped bass is the best we've got. Let's keep him.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT leads off this week, with the Central Connecticut Striper Club leading the R.J. Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest in the first month of the year with 287 points. In addition, a Waterbury angler, Charles Anthony, took top pool of the week on the party boat Theresa-L out of Norwalk, with a 14 lb. 3 oz. blackfish.

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MAMARONECK

Everybody's smiling in Westchester, most probably because of the millions of mackerel in these waters. Fred Archer says drifting and jigging is the method, and the area is just outside Scotch Caps.

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GREENWICH

Doug had the latest on that white whale being seen more and more often on the waters of Long Island Sound. This time, Moby Dick was seen off the smokestacks at Smithtown near Buoy 15. James Foley sighted the creature, first thinking it was a big porpoise, then on

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getting closer, saw it was bigger than any porpoise. He had a camera along, so maybe we'll see the photos next week. Jim is a 20 year navy veteran, and states it is a whale.

First of the weakfish came into Greenwich waters. "Burt" took the fish, a pair of 3½ pounders, one on a bucktail, and the other on a spoon. Frank morello took a 3 pound weak while trolling Greenwich Cove for bass with a spinner-worm combo. Phil Ferber and his seven year old grandson took another weak edging three pounds.

Bass action is tops. Jeff Stocker caught 31 schoolies over a weekend. Billy Graves, who at age fourteen releases most of his catch, has recorded over 80 linesiders in the past two weeks.

Mackerel are everywhere, with anglers hitting catches of over a hundred. Ed Lewis hit that many in an afternoon. Hottest lures for bass in this area are the Redfin, the Boone Tout, Bagley Shrimp, Bucktail and the Alou Eel.

The Delmar, which sails from the Showboat Restaurant in Greenwich daily, is loading up on mackerel and blacks. Skipper John Minnitti reports some excellent catches despite a couple of windy days.

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STAMFORD

Mackerel and blacks are the story at Pats Marina, and they're more than plentiful. Flounder are tapering off a little, but many catches of school bass are starting.

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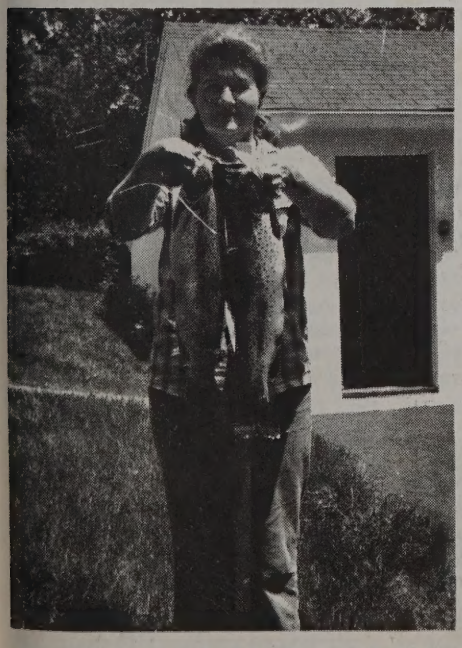

Ann Rimby weighed in the catch of the week at the Westport Tackle Shop. A beautiful pair of brown trout, scaling in excess of 3 lbs. each, was her catch at the Saugatuck Reservoir.

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SPRING STORY cont. from pg. 6

of a piece of wood (4-inch broomstick will do) to each end of which you screw in 15/16 eyescrews. To one eyescrew you clinch-knot at least 30-pound test mono, from 20 to 26 inches long and tie on a small Upperman bucktail. (In L.I.F. No. 18, May 18, 1972, Vlad Evanoff has a drawing of this lure. It's a pollack rig; and up in Rhody casters use it extensively in the spring for stripers too. And now weakfish.) The weighted wood, whittled slightly at each end, gives you a cast. It floats splashing, and keeps the Upperman afloat behind it during a retrieve over rocks, kelp, or sandy shallows. Halt the retrieve, the jig drops. Kick back the rod: the jig rises (like a shrimp's action). Put it to a rip and work it slow.

Davey, Martha and I finally went for the jetty at Crab Meadow. This being a shallow beach, I pit on Hap Kaine's "Cheater" with only a 22-inch leader. I took the jetty-tip. Dave waded out to my left; and Martha had room only for the little channel itself. The strong south wind from behind helped us reach the further submerged edge if the winding channel, ripping in the ebb's first flow. Dave mentioned how it should start up when the sun sank behind the horizon.

We got one after another of baby bass, again. By now I would try leaving a rat out there to let it work off the hook, which sometimes happened. Then another strike. But now the line paid out - the Cheater disappearing and my rod-tip alive at last. The 7-pound schoolie gave a good performance; and this one was for the lemon juice and the broiler. Dave took a keeper of at least 4 pounds. Poor Martha got only the shorts, this time . . . As the tide fell, we waded out toward the deep of the drop-off, but it had been long day. You figure: Tomorrow! Tomorrow night! - We went but it didn't happen.

That night, as I put the hard, hard-earned schoolie in the rotten truck, little Danny came up:

"Now Vince, you know why I was speeding a little."

A little?

Anyway, it was really the end of the worms and, thought I: a 7-pounder at Crab Meadow must mean a 37 up in Rhody on live herring. So I thought. So I sped up there, again; while on that weekend of my deserting Long Island, one lad beaches a 10-pounder at Stony Brook, another lad took a 17-pounder at Port Jefferson. Both on lures without the Cheater. Both within a 20 minute drive from where I live . . . But my 3-hour crazy race up to Rhody is part of "The Spring (What Spring?) Story, Part II."

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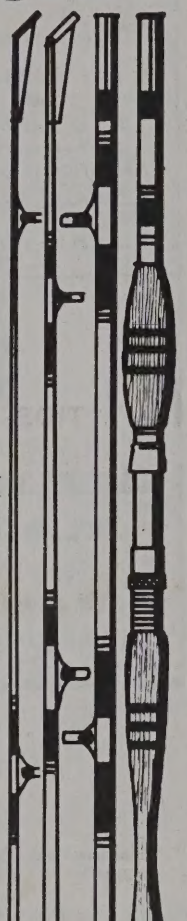

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Fri.	2:57	3:30
Sat.	3:46	4:18
Sun.	4:39	5:15
Mon.	5:38	6:12
Tues.	6:40	7:15
Wed.	7:47	8:17
Thur.	8:56	9:18

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

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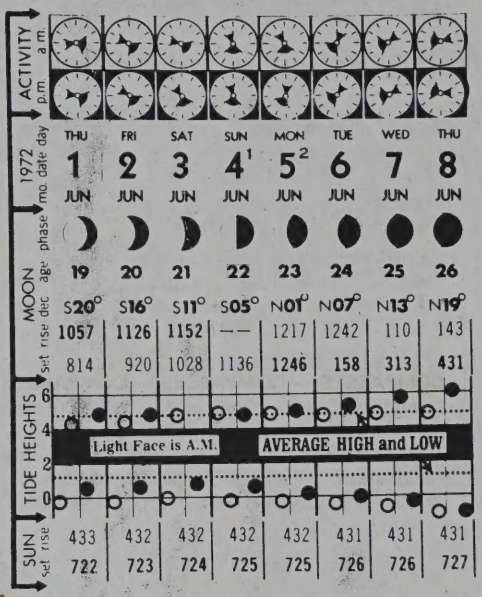
DAILY BEST FISHING TIMES - E.S.T. - 40° LAT., 75° LONG.



[1] Last Quarter-June 4, 4:22 p.m.
[2] Moon on the Equator-June 5, 3:00 a.m.

The ACTIVITY CHARTS show the most probable feeding times for fish and wildlife each day, calculated from the relative positions of the sun, the moon and the earth, A.M. means midnight to noon; P.M. means noon to midnight.

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	2:32	3:08
Fri.	3:15	3:53
Sat.	4:09	4:42
Sun.	5:04	5:38
Mon.	6:03	6:33
Tues.	7:02	7:30
Wed.	8:03	8:25
Thur.	9:01	9:23

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	12:21	1:12
Fri.	1:12	1:58
Sat.	2:03	2:53
Sun.	2:59	3:47
Mon.	4:02	4:44
Tues.	5:05	5:37
Wed.	6:06	6:33
Thur.	7:04	7:27

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13

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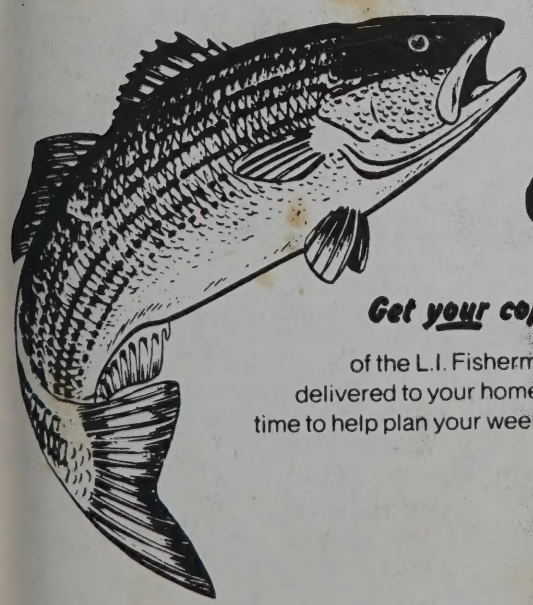

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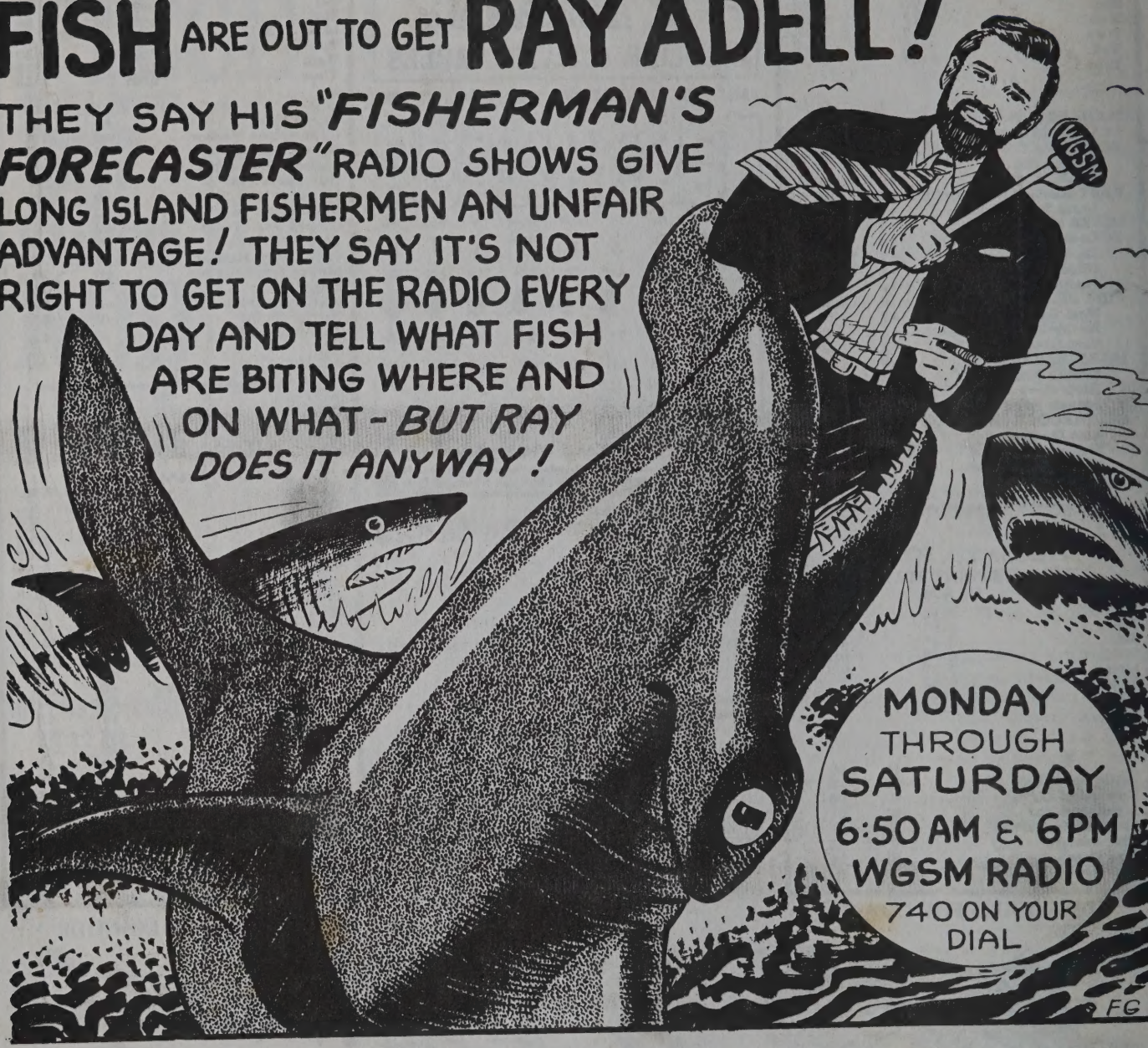

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